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AU's Own Ekelund Named to First Lowder Eminent Scholar Chair In Business

Robert B. Ekelund, author of one of the nation's most popular college economics textbooks and former Liberty National Professor of Economics at Auburn, has been named to the first of two recently established Edward L. and Catherine K. Lowder Eminent Scholar Chairs in the College of Business. Funded by a bequest from the estate of the late Edward L. Lowder of Montgomery, the chair is one of 13 such positions at Auburn in various stages of funding under the State of Alabama's Eminent Scholars Program. Each chair matches \$600,000 in private funding with \$400,000 in state matching funds to create a \$1 million endowment. The endowment is then used to support the faculty position in perpetuity.

The author, co-author, or editor of 10 books, including *Economics*, one of the top ten freshman economics texts in use nationwide, Dr. Ekelund joined the Auburn faculty in 1979 as a full professor. He has held the Liberty National Professorship since 1987, having served four years previously as Lowder Professor of Economics. Before coming to Auburn, he served on the faculty at Texas A&M University for 12 years.



Robert B. Ekelund



AUBURN ASTRONAUTS—All four of Auburn's alumni astronauts recently returned to campus—the first time that all had gathered on campus at once—and spent a day speaking to classes, meeting students, and touring the university. The four were also guests of President James E. Martin '54 in the President's Suite during the Auburn-Mississippi State football game, which the Tigers obligingly won, 33-0. Taking a moment for a picture prior to the game were, left to right, Major James S. Voss '72, Kathryn Cordell Thornton '74, Jan Davis '77, and Colonel Henry W. (Hank) Hartsfield '54.

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Dr. Ekelund holds the bachelor's and master's in economics from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Tex., and the Ph.D. from Louisiana State University. In addition to his books, he has authored or co-authored more than 70 articles and serves as associate editor of four journals.

Continuously rated as one of the top teachers in his department, Dr. Ekelund has taught courses ranging from economic and monetary theory to international economic policy. In addition, he directed the department's graduate program from 1981 to 1985. Dr. Ekelund's research focuses on the history of economic thought, but he has also done extensive work in the economics of regulation, rent control, and advertising.

Enrollment Peaks At New High of 20,553 Students

For the fifth consecutive year, fall quarter enrollment at Auburn has set a record. Final figures for this quarter show 20,553 students enrolled, a 5.4 percent increase from last year's total of 19,502. Graduate School enrollment has also increased, with a record 2,143 students attending, up 3.5 percent from last year.

In addition to record enrollment numbers for the student body overall, this year's freshman class has the highest average American College Test (ACT) scores of any to enter Auburn. The

average ACT score for entering freshmen this fall is 23.6, up from 23.3 in 1987. The current state average is 18.1, compared to a regional average of 18 and a national figure of 18.8.

The College of Business and the School of Pharmacy are the chief beneficiaries of this fall's record student totals. The number of business majors climbed 9.17 percent over last year to 4,097, while pharmacy students increased 8.31 percent to 326. The Colleges of Liberal Arts (7.73 percent) and Science and Mathematics (7.15 percent) also showed impressive gains, as did the School of Human Sciences (6.49 percent).

While many schools and colleges on campus experienced unexpected dra-

matic growth, two areas of study saw their enrollment decrease. Student totals in the College of Agriculture dropped 1.43 percent, to 691, while the School of Nursing fell 5.43 percent, to 184 students. Undergraduate enrollment in the College of Agriculture actually climbed slightly, however, a decrease in the number of graduate students accounted for the college's drop in overall totals.

Auburn Enters '88-'89 With One of Best Budgets Ever

Auburn has begun the 1988-89 budget year with the largest state appropriation in its history after passage of a \$2.4 billion education budget in the September special session of the Alabama legislature. Total 1988-89 state appropriations to the Auburn University System, including the main campus, the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service, the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station, and Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM), are \$127,330,312, a 20.3 percent increase of the 1987-88 figure of \$105,851,398.

"This is the best budget we've ever received," said President James E. Martin '54. "For the first time, all elements of the appropriation cycle—including the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, the governor's office, and the state legislature—agreed upon formula funding and indexing, which was earlier agreed upon by the state's college and university presidents."

Under the formula funding and indexing method of allocating state funds, colleges and universities receive appropriations according to a formula based on how many weighted credit hours each produces. Auburn, as the state's largest university and greatest producer of credit hours, fares well under the system. In past years under previous methods of funding, Auburn's per-student appropriation has been among the state's lowest.

"Two or three more years of this funding method will enable us to become more competitive, both within Alabama and the region, with respect to state support per full-time student," Dr. Martin added. "We need to continue this process."

Auburn's appropriation breaks down to \$70,968,817 for main campus general programs, \$9,914,772 for the College of Veterinary Medicine, \$15,694,805 for the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station, \$18,617,856 for the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service, and \$12,134,062 for AUM. The legislature also allocated \$5.2 million for the state's Eminent Scholars Program, which allows colleges and universities to receive \$400,000 in state matching funds for each \$600,000 in private support raised toward a \$1 million endowment to support a nationally or internationally recognized faculty member. Auburn, which already has three full state-matched Eminent Scholar grants and one partial grant, also has nine Eminent Scholar commitments currently awaiting state funding.



GRAND OPENING—On hand for the grand opening on Sept. 30 of the Auburn University Hotel and Conference Center, left to right, are: President James E. Martin '54; Auburn Mayor Jan Dempsey; former President Wilford S. Bailey '42; Thelma Dixon, for whom, along with her late husband Charles Dixon, the conference center was named; and James M. Adams, III, president of Algemon Blair, which developed the facility. —Photo by AU Photo Services

Library and Band Profit From A-Day

For the seventh straight year, profits from Auburn's spring A-Day football game have been distributed by the Athletic Department to the Ralph Brown Draughton Library, the Auburn Marching Band, and the A-Club. Support from the 1988 game totalled approximately \$5,202 to each of the three beneficiaries.

"This money will enable us to purchase around 170 volumes for the library's collection," said University Librarian William C. Highfill. He added that A-Day contributions to the library in the last seven years have totalled roughly \$65,388 and helped purchase approximately 2,180 new books. "If those books were placed on a football field, they would extend from goal line to goal line and nine yards beyond," he noted.

The Auburn band has also benefitted from the A-Day proceeds, mainly in the form of scholarships. According to Bill Walls, director of bands and professor of music, this year's band allotment alone will provide partial scholarships for as many as 150 band members.

New Department Heads Named in Vet Medicine

Laveme M. Krista, a member of the Auburn faculty since 1969, and John H. Kirk, formerly a professor at Michigan State University (MSU), are the two newest department heads in the College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Krista is head of the Department of Anatomy and Histology, while Dr. Kirk has taken the reins of the Department of Large Animal Surgery and Medicine.

The winner of numerous student and departmental teaching awards, including Student Government Association Teacher of the Year and Norden Outstanding Teacher, Dr. Krista has been a full professor since 1979. He earned a bachelor's in agricultural education and a master's in poultry husbandry at South Dakota State College before completing his Ph.D. in poultry science and his DVM at the University of Minnesota. He is the author or co-author of 41 articles for professional journals and has also received research grants totalling more than \$1.1 million.

Prior to coming to Auburn, Dr. Kirk served as head of clinical sciences, head of the combined field service and food animal sections, and acting chairman of

the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences at MSU. He holds the bachelor's in veterinary science and the DVM from Texas A&M University, along with a master's in radiation biology from the University of Rochester. Dr. Kirk has also written or co-written 73 articles for professional publications.

Registration Soon To Be Only a Phone Call Away

Spending hours in line to drop or add classes during final registration has been a vivid part of the Auburn experience for many years, but, thanks



GETTING CLOSER—Scheduled for completion in December, the Auburn Alumni Center is looking more and more finished every day. Construction crews are already working on the interior of the building, and the Office of Alumni and Development should complete its move into the new facility by January. The building is the first-ever true home for Auburn's Alumni and Development operations. —Photo by Mike Jernigan

to a new university telephone system, registration lines on the Plains may be a thing of the past as soon as next fall. The university has purchased and is currently testing a new phone system which will eventually allow students to call in their schedule adjustments, with the whole transaction being handled by computer.

According to registrar Tom Stallworth, tentative plans call for seniors to use the system on a trial basis for drop and add during the current year. If the system proves successful, use by the entire student population could follow by next fall. Stallworth said his office is working with the Office of University Computing to develop computer software for the system.

"We hope this new system will provide considerable improvement in our schedule adjustment process," Stallworth explained. "It won't manufacture additional classes, but hopefully it will allow students to avoid some of the lines which have characterized registration in the past. I expect that in the near future, a typical call to drop or add a class might take under five minutes."

Pharmacy Dean Settles In, Talks Of Future Plans

William H. Campbell became Auburn's new pharmacy dean on Sept. 1, after serving as chairman of the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the University of Washington. In the following interview reprinted from the AU Report, he discussed his thoughts on pharmacy practice and the School of Pharmacy's future.

QUESTION: What were your reasons for coming to Auburn?

CAMPBELL: There were many reasons. I had known and worked with several Auburn people over the years and found them to be excellent friends and colleagues; there was a sense of fit when I visited the campus and spoke with the students, faculty, administrators, and alumni; and not a small part of it was my desire for a new challenge in an



MEET THE DEAN—A number of alumni turned out for a recent reception in Huntsville to meet William F. Walker, right, new dean of the College of Engineering. Among those attending were, from left, Mark H. Yokley '85, Elizabeth Jones Yokley '85, and Raymond Jones '57. —Photo by Jim Killian

environment where change was not only possible, but welcomed.

QUESTION: What do you feel are the strengths of the Auburn School of Pharmacy?

CAMPBELL: The physical facility is well-designed and adequate in size, and the necessary support departments (chemistry, computer science, library) are strong, but the greatest strength of any organization is its people. We have a small but dedicated group of faculty who care deeply about the quality of instruction and scholarly achievement; our students are bright, idealistic, and committed to professional excellence; and our alumni are world-class in terms of concern for their alma mater.

QUESTION: What improvements need to be made?

CAMPBELL: The number of people is my biggest concern. Every review of the school has concluded the same thing: We have too few faculty to run our program. No matter how much harder or better we work, there is only so much we can do. When Auburn competes with an SEC opponent on the football field, there is approximate parity in the number of scholarship players, the number of people suited up for a game, the days of practice allowed, and so forth. When we compete in academic programs, at least in pharmacy, there is a substantial advantage in resources to the opponent. The interesting thing is that we hold our own even with this differential. Thus, it is particularly gratifying that President Martin and the Board of Trustees this year achieved legislative funding of Auburn according to an objective, formula-based budgeting system. I believe if we can compete on an equal academic playing field, the advantage will be ours.

QUESTION: How is professional pharmacy practice changing and how can Auburn adequately prepare students for those changes?

CAMPBELL: Advances in pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences are changing our approaches to therapy on almost a daily basis. Yet even as this occurs, drugs remain the primary weapon in our medical armamentarium—before surgery, hospitalization, or "high technology" interventions. Coupled with the socio-economic forces requiring more cost-effective approaches to care, the pharmacist is in the middle of today's health care action. Continual refinement of our curriculum, building a strong science base through research and graduate education, will assure Auburn's pharmacy students a quality education for practicing in the 21st century.

QUESTION: What are your goals for the School of Pharmacy?

CAMPBELL: I placed five goals before the faculty during my visits as a candidate, at a faculty retreat this summer, and as we begin an intensive strategic planning effort. First, we must assure our students receive an excellent education for professional practice. Second, the science of pharmacy must be developed through a strong research and graduate program at the Ph.D. level. Third, we must support and stimulate professional development of practitioners throughout the state. Fourth, we must move to create a tradition of practitioner scholarship through clinical and practice-based research. And fifth, we must do this in a collaborative manner which crosses departmental and disciplinary lines, to achieve through reorganization of resources what is not

available through new resources. An implicit sixth goal is that we must enjoy ourselves and occasionally pause to smell the roses, for we academicians have a tendency to take ourselves too seriously.

Taiwan Grads Keep Auburn Spirit Up Despite Distance

Auburn people always like to boast of the loyalty of Tiger alumni, but Forestry Dean Emmett F. Thompson was surprised to find out just how loyal Auburn graduates can be when he visited Taipei, Taiwan, recently.

Dean Thompson visited with alumni in Taipei while on a tour of Taiwan and mainland China with President Martin and other administrators this spring. Despite the fact that the meeting was scheduled on a holiday weekend, 26 alumni and friends showed up to hear about what was going on on campus. "I assure you they are as enthusiastic a bunch of Auburn alumni as there is anywhere in the world," Dean Thompson wrote.

Attending the meeting were: Ching-yuan Chang '73, Ming-yih Chen '74, Tsai-yung Chen '84, Ching-yun Ping '79, Chin-mei Kau Fu '81, Chung-fang Ho '78, Simon T. Chen '78, Sun-chio Fong '79, Hung-lin Fu '80, Chi-hui Chien '80, Y.S. Chow '70, Jen-chyuan Lee '79, Ching-long Lin, Chi-yuan Liu '77, Peter Lin Sun '76, Hung-chi Tang '83, Ming-hwa Jong '75, Wu-chung Lee, Chang-yung Liu '84, Sheng-lung Shih, Shya-shiow Sun '78, Liping Yan '77, Shih-lo Yin '74, Dr. Kang Lu '87, Mrs. Kang Lu, and Peter M. Sung '80.



William H. Campbell

Points & Views

Here and There—

An Enduring Need

By Jerry Roden, Jr. '46



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As regularly as the seasons roll into the ceaseless passage of the years, new and renewed adversities arise to vex the human race in its

troubled pilgrimage through time, and all the wondrous miracles of modern medicine and technology have not begun to stem the tide of misery which has rolled throughout the reaches of human habitation from the beginning.

Furthermore, even the most cursory consideration of present sources of suffering at home and abroad afford little reason for optimism about sudden improvement of the human condition, or about the *eventual* elimination of the chief causes of human deprivation, pain, and sorrow. For example: There exists little promise of an early cure for AIDS, Alzheimer's, cancer, or dozens of other dread diseases which the flesh is heir to. There is little prospect of controlling such natural disasters as the recent droughts which left millions homeless and starving in Africa, or the even more recent floods which left millions ailing and homeless in Bangladesh. And there exists even less possibility of eliminating the bigotry, greed, and lust for power which have kept a large portion of mankind locked in mortal combat from time immemorial.

In the days of the great Middle English Poet Geoffrey Chaucer, thoughtful men considered *this world nothing but a vale of tears*, and I submit that this medieval description remains quite apt today for the vast majority of mankind and that it promises to retain its validity throughout the foreseeable future.

My purpose in setting forth this gloomy assessment of the human circumstance past, present, and future is not to damn science for its failure to attain Utopia, nor is it to denounce *whatever gods may be* for our straitened condition.

On the matter of science, I wish to urge intensified efforts in scientific education and scientific research for the purpose of ameliorating disability, disease, pain, and sorrow to the maximum extent that the medical and psychological disciplines can serve that end. Even though the prospect of any Utopian scientific attainment appears impossible, the measure of future improvement looms large when we project it on the basis of past performance—such as, for example, the virtual conquest of polio, small pox, tuberculosis, typhoid fever, yellow fever, and whooping cough.

However, when science has achieved its utmost possibilities, human life will remain a tragedy, and this world a vale of tears. Therefore, we shall need then, as we need now and have needed heretofore, the consolations of religion and philosophy. And our public schools, colleges, and universities have an inescapable obligation to offer students thorough training in the religious and philosophical choices they have. The proper places for such instruction are classes in history, literature, philosophy, and comparative religions.

At the present, most public educational institutions are not immersing their students in religious and philosophical thought. This failure appears to result from a basic misunderstanding of the constitutional prohibition against *an establishment of religion*. The studies suggested above will have no effect upon establishing a religion and should have no effect upon converting a committed student from one religion to another, but they should have a very notable effect in promoting a free and fulfilling choice of a redemptive theology or consoling philosophy.

Esoterica for Everyone—

An Autumn Walk Through the Woods

By Bob Sanders '52

The fall season didn't start out as one of the truly vintage ones for serious leaf watchers. The lack of rain or the warm temperatures or a combination of those and other factors kept the number of really spectacular trees to a minimum. Yet, the woods were still beautiful, oh, so beautiful, when we took a little stroll down through them on a perfect early November day.

There were just a few late apples still hanging on that scraggly little tree at the edge of the old orchard. I threw chunks and rocks at them till I knocked a few of the apples to the ground, and then tasted the concentrated sweetness of autumn as I chomped away on their firm, juicy flesh.

Just a little farther on, by the knoll where the sericea used to grow, we stopped by the cluster of huckleberry bushes and grazed on the good crop of ripe huckleberries there.

"Right down there is where we had the watermelon patch that time I grew the 50-pound watermelon," Daddy said.

"It was a Stone Mountain," I said, "wasn't it?"

"Sure was," he said. "We also had some good patches down there," he went on, pointing down the hill toward the deep but narrow little gully that used to separate our place from Grandpa's.

"We were headed down there that time you tried to bend over the sourwood sapling and it broke and you fell in the gully."

I remembered.

We walked on through the Ridge Field and then down the steep, rocky hillside that separates it from the Spring Piece, which is what we call the little field—now pasture—down next to the bottom. That hillside is one of the few places around there that never felt a plow. You can walk over the old places in that area and find the now smoothed and rounded, but unmistakable, signs of furrows and terraces almost everywhere. As one field would wear out, the old farmers would clear and burn and take in a new ground, searching for enough fertility for a crop or two. They didn't miss any places.

But this particular hillside was too rough, with its outcroppings of rock and its steepness, even for Great-Grandpa and Aunt Lulie and all that crowd.

We found an old buggy axle that had been driven deep into the ground to mark a property line, and still the evidence of some long-ago diggings when it had been thought that perhaps ore of some value might be located there. It hadn't been. So that little strip of woods has stayed about the same for untold generations, with scrubby oaks and hickories gradually coating the rocks with layer after layer of toasty brown leaves, but never completely covering them.

Then we sat for awhile at the upper edge of the Spring Piece, mowed extremely short by hungry cows, and watched the panorama of poplar and oak and gum and maple leaves against the rich dark green of the bays at the lower side of the field, as grandchildren and nieces and nephews cavorted like young calves in the springtime in the space in between.

Later, I walked down to the lower side to see if the spring was still there. It was, although filled with leaves. But I could see how, with just a little scooping out, it would be the same little haven, ringed by bay bushes, it used to be when I'd be cutting hay in the field that bears its name with old Hat and Bill and that John Deere mule mower,



and I'd fall on my belly there at the spring and lap up the sweet, clear water that bubbled out of the sand.

We lay there on the grass in the fall sunshine and passed on to still another generation the old family tales about their ancestors who had, by sheer determination, wrested some kind of living, such as it was, from that stubborn soil.

I remembered it was there, I think, that I did my last serious plowing, on a between-quarters break after I'd gone off to college. The cows had been let in on the field when it had been wet and they had bogged around in there. Then it had dried to a concrete-like hardness, which was the state it was in when I was sent to break it up with old Hat and Bill, or maybe the team that succeeded them (which I never got to know well enough to remember their names). But the ground was so hard and packed that, after I'd finally get the point through the crust, I'd turn up clods of awesome size, like dishpans and foot tubs and stuff; and I went through all the profanity I'd ever heard in my life, plus some really juicy new additions I'd picked up in higher education circles.

Yeah, I could look at that deceptively smooth pasture and remember the jarring and cussing as the clouds would lift that old Chattanooga steel beam slat-wing breaking plow clean out of the ground...

And I showed Frosty the very spot where I got the little scar on the back of my hand, that time I was patching the fence after the cows had got into the corn. I was driving a post into the ground with the flat side of a double-bitted axe, holding the post with one hand, when the axe glanced off the top of the post and the sharp edge gouged a hunk out of the back of my hand, which is rather surprising. I don't remember us ever having an axe that sharp. But the proof is there. I'll show you my hand sometime. If you look real hard, you can still see it.

We murdered a few pine cones and sweetgum balls with the old single-shot 22 and remembered some squirrel huntings of the past, then climbed back up the steep hill and went along the ridge back to the house, quietly reveling in the sun-bathed splendor of it all, knowing that after the timber-cutters, who were coming in a few days, got through, it'd be a long time before things would look the same again.

The Editor's Column—

Memories of Laughter

By Kaye Lovvorn '64

Although it's been twenty years since I heard my father's laugh, I remember how it sounded—deep, wonderful, joyous as it floated across the front yard, where he stood in conversation with Carl Parker of the County Extension Service, Cleo Wright from up the road, Uncle Harold or Uncle J.T., or a man delivering feed.

I remember how his laugh preceded him from Lester Fricks' store as he came out to join my brother and me who'd gotten our ice cream and headed for the truck as Daddy fired a parting kidding remark at his friend Herman Fobbus to the delight of the farmers gathered around the potbellied stove.

I remember his roar of laughter when the tiny pump he'd bought to circulate the water in his latest project—turning Mother's discarded agitator

washing machine into an egg washer—didn't work as it was supposed to, and he disgustingly dug down in the box, found the instructions, and unfolded them to be greeted by two-inch-tall letters: WHEN EVERYTHING ELSE FAILS, TRY READING THE DIRECTIONS.

I remember Daddy's undisguised delight when his cronies at the store reported that a local foxhunter-turned-politician out seeking support had remarked that Rowland Lovvorn was sure married to a spitfire. I doubt that my quiet, thoughtful, blue-eyed, pre-maturely gray-haired mother who taught first grade until I was born ever fit anybody else's idea of a spitfire. However, patronize her, or threaten someone or some principle dear to her, and, as Daddy phrased it, she "covers every bit of ground she stands on."

Foxhunters usually gathered late at night out in the country to loose packs of mangy, raucous dogs to incidentally chase any fox which turned up, but mainly to trample the young corn or knock the cotton out of its bolls, their barks waking babies, sick children, exhausted mothers, and hardworking farmers who had to be up before dawn. Meanwhile, the foxhunters waited on the side of the road, probably sampling moonshine and swapping lies in the time-honored tradition of good old boys. By two or three in the morning, they'd start driving slowly up and down the road, stopping every so often to blow their horns and call their dogs. Instead of just leaving his card, this foxhunter asked Mother if she planned to vote for him. She tilted up her chin, raised her eyebrows, and told him in no uncertain terms why a thoughtless foxhunter would make a poor county official.

I remember going to the gin, the commill, the store, everywhere with Daddy. Before the necessity of going to school got in the way, if Daddy went somewhere, either Harold or I, or both of us, went with him, even if that meant he had to carry a bottle in one back pocket and a diaper in the other.

I remember hearing Daddy singing early on a spring morning, his voice rising above the noise of the tractor as he plowed the hillside of the back field. I remember waking to the sounds of my parents talking and laughing as they cooked breakfast together. I remember the smell of new lumber and the rasp of the saw as Daddy built the new chicken house.

I remember Daddy taking us swimming in the creek down behind the house from so long ago that I don't remember learning how to swim; it seems I always could. I remember Daddy's nearsightedness, like my own, and his determining to get contact lenses until he learned he'd have to take them out to dive, which made them no more desirable than his glasses.

I remember the vertical lines that appeared between my father's eyebrows as the first signals that he was not in his usual good mood. I remember his sitting in the rocker in the living room and reading the *Post-Herald* from front to back every night.

I remember the less-than-perfectly-painted stretch of wall in the living room, my brother's initial effort, which was not painted over, but was left just as he painted it and viewed with as much pride by my parents as the professional efforts Daddy had provided in the other areas.

I remember my father tipping his hat to my elderly ninth-grade English teacher whose husband still called her Miss Fannie Lou, and her

remarking on how one seldom saw such gentlemanly behavior anymore. I remember the delight that Huff, the elderly lady with whom I lived after I graduated from Auburn, received from his phone calls. Like many of us she found a conversation with Daddy, always full of fun and life, "as good as a dose of medicine."

I remember my father greeting everyone who came to see us in exactly the same laughing, friendly way, whether that person was a neighbor, a relative, a friend of my brother's or mine, or a black truck driver from Birmingham, frightened to be lost in the maze of backroads of all-white Sand Mountain where a few years earlier racist signs had warned blacks against even driving through.

I remember my father's delight in his granddaughters, and I know how proud he would have been of his grandson. I remember Daddy's footraces with my brother. I remember the tears in his eyes when he left me in Auburn to start my freshman quarter. I remember his generosity to those less fortunate. I remember his love and affection for Mother and for Harold and me.

I remember, I remember, I remember....

It's been twenty years since my mother's letter voicing concern for my father led me to decide to go home in the middle of the week—It was homecoming in Auburn that weekend, the last in October, and I needed to be here. I left early Thursday afternoon and drove home and visited my parents that night. On Friday morning I planned to sleep late, visit with my mother and go by his office to see my father and head back to Auburn. The ringing phone woke me—my father, asking if I could come get him. By the time I drove the ten miles to his office, Daddy couldn't walk, but he could still tell me how glad he was I'd come home and, when we got to the hospital twenty miles away, how to find the emergency room. A little more than 24 hours later he asked for the last time who was winning Auburn's Homecoming game.

Around midnight that Saturday night, my father's laughter was stilled forever. But it lives in my memories, and those of my mother, my aunts and uncles, and my brother (whose strongest traits—his ability to do almost anything, his hard work, his frequent laughter, his kindness, his sense of humor—remind me more and more of Daddy). Sometimes I still find myself peering at drivers of pale blue pickup trucks until I realize I'm unconsciously looking for Daddy. And once I heard a laugh so much like his echoing from somewhere in the Union Building that I found myself helplessly and fruitlessly seeking its owner, hoping against all reason that I'd find Daddy waiting to greet me with a laugh and a hug.

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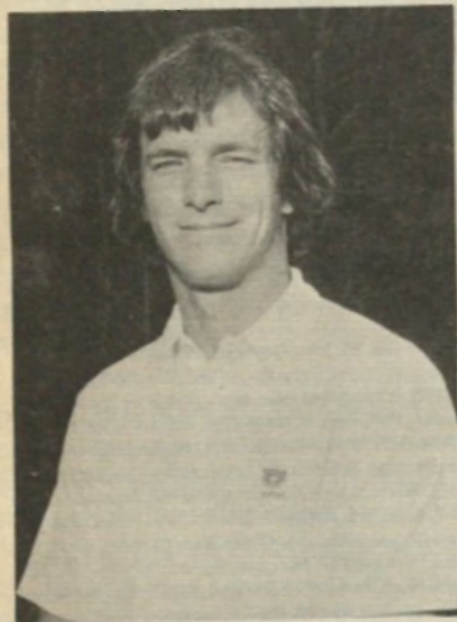
Gardner Finds Life on PGA Tour Hectic, But Exciting

By Mike Jernigan '80

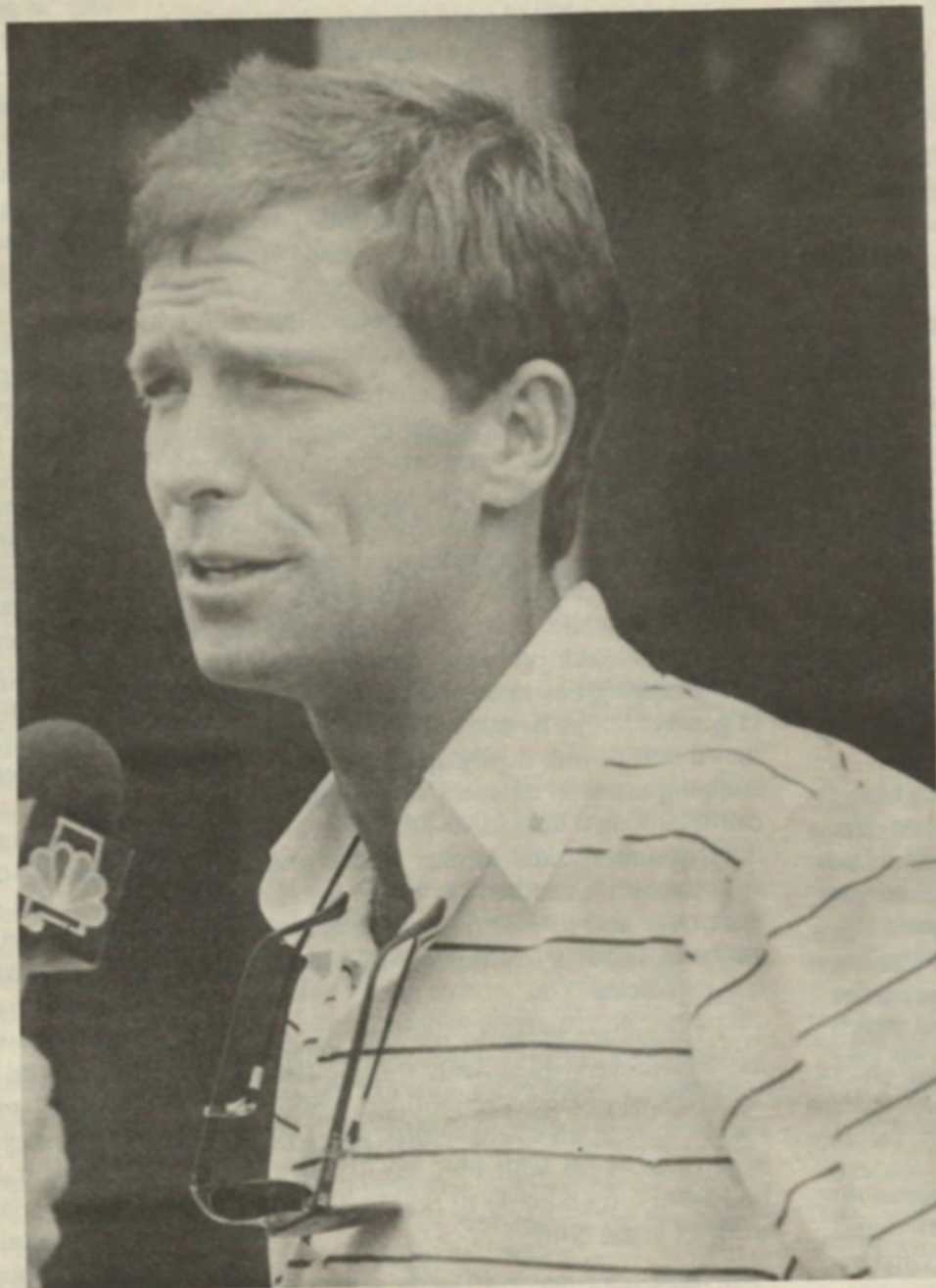
Playing golf as a touring pro on the Professional Golfer's Association (PGA) circuit evokes images of paradise for office-bound duffers and millions who watch the occasional tournament on television. Well-dressed, well-coiffed men stroll tranquil country club grounds in exotic places such as Las Vegas and Hawaii, occasionally stroking golf shots with casual ease and winning bundles of cash in the process. They don't even carry their own clubs! Surely there couldn't be an easier way to earn more money with less work. Could there?

You might ask former Auburn golfer Frank Webb (Buddy) Gardner that question—if you can find him sitting still long enough. Now in his tenth year on the PGA Tour, Buddy was in Montgomery recently as honorary chairman for the Alabama March of Dimes campaign to oversee the MD Pro-Am Benefit Tournament at Wynn Lakes Country Club. As he darted around the golf course—walkie-talkie in hand—handling paperwork and logistics problems, making travel plans for his fellow pros at the tournament, and signing autographs for fans, he rapidly unraveled the stereotype of pro golfers as glamorous men of leisure.

"People see professional golfers out on these beautiful courses, having a good time and making a lot of money," Buddy says. "What they don't see, after the cameras are turned off, are the same guys living out of suitcases for weeks at a time or scrambling to catch red-eye flights to the next tournament. The travel can really get to you, especially if you have a family. I travel about 40 weeks



THEN—Buddy Gardner was one of the top golfers ever to play at Auburn, earning All-American honors in 1976 and All-SEC accolades in 1976 and 1977. He also led the Tigers to the 1976 SEC crown.



NOW—Gardner is currently in his tenth year on the PGA Tour. His record includes second-place finishes in the Tucson Open, Anheuser-Busch Classic, Houston Coca-Cola Open, and the Big "I" Houston Open. He also enjoyed one of his best years in 1987, finishing 60th on the winnings list with \$173,047.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan

out of the year, playing in around 32 tournaments in addition to benefits like this. I also have an endorsement contract requiring me to make a number of appearances each year.

"Still, there are advantages," he adds. "The guys on the tour are the finest group of people you could ever hope to be around. And I do love the competition. Playing golf on this level can be a lot of fun when you're playing well, but the days can be awfully long and hard if you're not."

Buddy has seen both the good and bad sides of the Tour, having left the circuit twice to return to PGA qualifying school due to slumps before finishing with his best year ever in 1987—60th on the winnings list with a total of \$173,047. Adversity, twice in the form of injuries due to accidents, has plagued him through both his college and pro careers. But overcoming these problems serves to make his present success all the sweeter.

A Montgomery native, Buddy grew up in the shadows of Bonnie Crest Country Club, so close that he

remembers he "could hit a sand wedge out of my backyard into the swimming pool." One of a family of golfers, he began playing at age four, and by age fifteen, he often played from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., as many as 45 holes per day. Recognizing their son's talent, his parents quit playing themselves in order to take him around the country to compete in junior tournaments. By the time he attended Robert E. Lee High School, Buddy was recognized as one of the top young golfers in the state, and he won the Alabama High School Championship as a senior.

Although he received athletic scholarship offers from almost 50 schools, Buddy decided to stay close to home and attend Auburn. "I really wanted to go to a school where I felt I could contribute as a freshman, and Auburn offered that. I also had a lot of family ties, since my sisters were in school at Auburn and my brother-in-law played on the football team."

Despite playing with a number of upper classmen, Buddy quickly became the Tigers' number one player. But adjusting to college life didn't come easy.

"When I first got to school at Auburn, I regretted it," he recalls. "I wasn't doing the right things—I raised too much Cain actually—and nothing went well at first. There was a lot of pressure playing number one and I let it get to me. But something happened after I won the state amateur tournament in my sophomore year, and things just started falling into place."

Things fell in place very nicely in fact. As a junior, Buddy led Auburn to the 1976 Southeastern Conference crown, winning All-American and All-SEC recognition for his efforts and setting a new Tiger record for lowest scoring average per 18 holes (70.9) that still stands today. He was a favorite in the National Collegiate Athletic Association championships when, two days before the tournament, disaster struck in the form of a freak accident.

"I was watching a basketball game on TV at my girlfriend's apartment," he says. "I still remember it was the sixth game of the NBA championship series between the Boston Celtics and the Phoenix Suns. Some guy made about a 30-foot shot to send the game into the third overtime, and I jumped up and hit the glass light fixture on the ceiling. A piece of glass fell down toward my face, and when I reached up to swat it away, it almost completely sliced off the top third of the middle finger on my right hand."

"I'll never forget the drive to the hospital. I had my hand wrapped in a beach towel, and I cried all the way. So many things went through my mind. I thought I was done."

Two days later, with his fingertip reattached and with 30 stitches in his hand, Buddy watched his teammates play in the tournament he had been a favorite to win. He left after the opening round, too upset to stay for the remainder of the competition. "That's probably the most disappointed I've ever been," he says, the pain still showing 12 years later. "I felt I had a good chance to win the tournament, and I never even got to play. It took me a long time to get over that."

But get over it he did. He came back his senior season to again finish All-SEC, then left school in 1977 only 16 credit hours short of a degree in public relations to try his luck as a professional. Finishing in the top 50 among some 4,000 other PGA hopefuls at the Association's qualifying school got him his PGA card, and he began play on the Tour in 1978. After a disappointing first year, following which he had to return to school to requalify, Buddy quickly made a name for himself, finishing second in both the Tucson Open and the Anheuser-Busch Classic in 1979. Once again, however, a freak accident proved a major setback, just when his career appeared ready to take off.

"I fell over a lounge chair at Disneyworld while playing in a touch football game and tore all the ligaments in my left wrist," Buddy explains. "It was

probably the dumbest thing I've ever done. I went through pure hell trying to recover from that injury. I tried everything to get comfortable with my swing and grip again before I finally got straightened out."

"Everything" included another return to qualifying school in 1982, where Buddy once again had to earn his PGA status back. But the following year, two things happened in his life that seem to have turned Buddy's career around for good. He married his college sweetheart, Susan Easterling, the same one who carried him to Lee County Hospital the night he thought his career was over. And he finished in the top 100 on the winnings list for the first time since his second year on the Tour. He hasn't finished below 91st since.

He and Susan have since had their first child, Brooke Marie, and last year, in a roller-coaster day that he says marked one of his highest and lowest points on the Tour, Buddy almost added another first—his first win in a major tournament. Leading by one stroke in the Big "I" Houston Open with one hole to play, he watched Jay Haas hit a 70-foot putt to force a playoff. Haas won it on the next hole, as Buddy missed a putt that he relives to this day.

"I still have bad thoughts about that putt, even a year later," he says. "After the tournament ended, we were driving off the course and a woman and her son yelled 'It's okay Buddy, we still love you.' I thought I would die right there. Then, that night, I checked into a hotel in Las Vegas and turned on the TV so I could get it off my mind. The first thing I saw was Chris Berman on ESPN's 'Sportscenter' saying 'If you think you had a bad day, watch this.' And there I was, missing that putt all over. I haven't gotten over that yet."

If his past track record in dealing with adversity is any indication, however, Buddy will put the loss behind him and go on to even greater things in the future. "I'm really not enjoying the travel any more, but I think that as long as I can make a good living on the Tour I'll stay. I can't put a time frame on quitting, but I know I won't quit until I win." Knowing Buddy, that might not be too long.

Ralph 'Shug' Jordan A Soldier, Engineer As Well as Coach

By Leah Rawls Atkins '58

Ralph "Shug" Jordan is best recognized for his many years as Auburn's football coach, but little has been written about his civil engineering background and his military service in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in World War II.

Jordan was born in Selma in 1910, the son of an engineer for the Southern Railroad. As a youth, he spent his free time at the Y.M.C.A. under the tutelage of Coach Paul Girst, and received his nickname "Shug" because of his love for sugar cane. When he graduated from Selma High School in 1927, he had earned four letters, was captain of the basketball team, a star on the baseball team, and held the state shotput record. Despite these accomplishments, he

received no scholarship offers, and he did not have enough money to attend college. So, at the age of 17, Jordan went to work for the Alabama State Highway Department as a "rod man," saving all the money he could.

In 1929, just before the stock market crashed and the Great Depression began, Jordan entered Auburn, registering in the civil engineering curriculum. He played center on the freshman football team that fall, earning his first Auburn letter. Eventually, he received four letters in football, four in basketball, four in baseball, and two in track, but he was never on athletic scholarship during his four years of college. Instead, he waited on tables in boarding houses and found odd jobs on campus to secure the funds to stay in school. Jordan won membership in Spades and Scabbard and Blade, and was a member of Company "B" of the ROTC Engineer Corps. His Auburn ROTC years and his degree won him a commission on graduation.

Jordan was scheduled to graduate at the end of spring, 1932. Depression conditions had not eased in Alabama. Times were hard and jobs were scarce. After football season, Jordan was offered a coaching position at a north Alabama high school. In order to qualify, he transferred out of civil engineering and into education for his last two quarters.

After graduation, but before he left Auburn, the board of education in the county where Jordan's job awaited discovered that he was a Catholic. The Ku Klux Klan dominated Alabama

politics at the time, and due to the Klan's anti-Catholicism, the board was afraid to hire Jordan. They reneged on their job offer. Auburn head football coach Chet Wynne, incensed at this action, immediately hired him as an assistant football coach, and later Jordan became head basketball coach.

The next decade in Auburn was one of the happiest in Jordan's life. But by 1941, as the international situation deteriorated, there was talk of war. Auburn folks who had attended Professor George Petrie's public lectures on international politics at Langdon Hall or listened to his talks over radio station WAPI were not surprised when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

Early in 1942, Jordan reactivated his military commission and was appointed a lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers. Soon, he was ordered to report to Camp Edwards in Massachusetts, where he was assigned to the First Engineering Brigade, an amphibious assault unit. In August, Jordan was shipped overseas, though he initially thought he was traveling to Florida for additional training. He ended up in Scotland, where his brigade waited for orders to join the American-British invasion of the continent.

Jordan and his men were issued white overcoats, long underwear, and heavy boots, suggesting an impending trip to Norway, but as one of the officers in charge of the landing operations, he knew the condition of the beaches and the tide variance at the landing site,

which indicated that the army was headed south to North Africa. The cold weather clothes were merely a ruse. The men were told their destination after they boarded ship.

Jordan was apprehensive about the assault at Oran in French North Africa because no one could predict what action the French defenders might take—either fight with the Germans or desert to the Free French cause. Despite numerous problems with landing craft and communications, the Allied invasion was successful, partly because French resistance was weak. In North Africa, Jordan designed roads, bridges, and dock facilities.

Almost immediately, Jordan was assigned responsibilities planning for the Allied invasion of Sicily, and he was with the first American soldiers to land on the island. Later, he participated in the landing on the European mainland at Salerno, Italy.

On this occasion, aboard a ship off the Italian coast while waiting for orders to move ashore, Jordan stood watching a volcano erupt, throwing fire and ash into the night sky. Standing next to him was a Texas boy, who had bored everyone with his tall tales of how everything was bigger and better in Texas. Jordan turned to him and said: "I'll bet you don't have anything like *that* in Texas!" The young man thought a minute, then replied in his slow Texas drawl, "No, but we sure have a fire department in Dallas that could put it out!"

Jordan admired American General George S. Patton, and he had little use for the British as soldiers. He was particularly annoyed by the British custom of observing afternoon tea in battle zones, and he resented the small signs which the British put up along the roads in North Africa and Italy saying, "This area reserved for tea drinking."

In the spring of 1944, Jordan was transferred to England for some rest and relaxation and to prepare new recruits for the cross-channel invasion. Stationed in Cornwall, he was again placed in charge of a landing boat brigade. He took his men out on maneuvers and for practice landings all along the English coast. Then orders came to ship out for the invasion. When relating this story, Jordan was asked how, with so many previous simulated trips, he knew that this was the real thing. "This time they told us to pack all our personal possessions in our footlockers," he recalled, "and put the name and address of our next of kin on the top."

Jordan was one of those thousands of American soldiers left sitting on ships while General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied Supreme Commander, listened to weather reports and struggled with the decision of whether to go or to delay the invasion. When the word finally came that the attack was on, Jordan remembered that the ship was very quiet. The seas were rough and the weather stormy in the channel as the ship moved in darkness toward the French coast. Jordan's memories were of seasick men, the odor of gasoline, and the stench of backed-up toilets.

During the night, he had the feeling he was invading Europe alone, but when dawn came, Jordan looked all across the



TAKING FIVE—Ralph (Shug) Jordan was best known to Auburn folks as the Tigers' winningest football coach, but he also served with distinction in the Army Corps of Engineers during World War II.
—Photo courtesy of Evelyn Jordan

sea—left and right—and was astounded at the number of vessels he saw. Years later, he remembered that although "there had been a lot of 'carrying on' the night before, it was silent in those landing craft. I never saw an atheist or an agnostic when it came time to hit the beach."

Jordan landed on Utah Beach that morning and by the afternoon had been wounded in the shoulder and upper arm, qualifying him for the Purple Heart medal. The shrapnel in his arm was minor compared to the life-threatening wounds the doctors worked over in the hospital tents on the beach. A nurse told Jordan to "come back in a few days." Without sleep, and with only K-rations for nourishment, Jordan looked forward to lying down on the table, taking a whiff of ether, and sleeping as the doctor opened his wound, plucked out the shrapnel, and stitched him up.

When his turn finally came, Jordan climbed on the table while a nurse prepared to put him to sleep. But when the surgeon began to check his identity on the chart, the name Ralph Jordan seemed familiar to him. The ex-Fort Benning doctor was an Auburn football fan who was excited to meet an Auburn coach on the beaches of Normandy. "Tell you what," he said to Jordan, "I'll just give you a local anesthetic so we can talk about Auburn football." And so they shared stories on Utah Beach in Normandy, with shells and bombs sounding close by, while Jordan tried to relax and the doctor pulled the shrapnel from his shoulder.

A few months later, Jordan came home for a brief furlough before being sent to the Pacific, where he participated in the invasion of Okinawa. After this campaign, he was transferred back to the states and discharged.

He returned to Auburn and the coaching position that he left. He coached the basketball team in 1945-46, but there was a new football coaching regime, and he was not part of it. He left Auburn, coached the Miami Sea Hawks for a season, then joined Wally Butts at the University of Georgia.

"Shug" returned to Auburn as head football coach in 1951. A great deal has been written about what followed, but Jordan's early years have drawn little attention. Although coaching and football became his life, James Ralph "Shug" Jordan always was proud of his Auburn and civil engineering background.

A Time for Healing, Looking to Future For Nursing School

By Mary Ellen Hendrix '84

Five years ago, for every 100 patients hospitals needed 50 nurses. Now, according to American Hospital Association statistics, every 100 patients need 97 nurses. No wonder the demand for nurses has soared; but, meanwhile, nursing schools such as Auburn's experience a decline in enrollment.

"There are more nurses practicing than ever before," said Winifred H. Worman, Acting Dean of Auburn's School of Nursing, "but the demand has



MOVING AHEAD—Acting Nursing Dean Winifred Worman, right, checks out her school's new computer equipment with Cathy Cochran, who graduated in the spring. With a national shortage in nurses, Auburn's nursing program takes on added significance, says Mrs. Worman, and good student recruitment becomes essential. —Photo by AU Photo Services

gotten so much greater for a number of reasons, including the aging of the population and the longevity of the patients who have chronic illnesses."

Mrs. Worman cites the acuity of patients' illnesses as an added reason for the increased demand for nurses. In other words, hospital patients are sicker than they used to be. With so much health care given on an out-patient basis, the people taking up the beds in hospitals are those requiring more attention.

"However," she said, "enrollment has dropped slightly in some nursing schools for the same reason that all professions that have been predominantly female have noted a decline—because women have more options today. Whereas medical schools used to have only five percent of their enrollment female, now females make up 30 percent. Thus, many women who would have become nurses a decade ago are becoming doctors, or for that matter, business women, engineers, etc."

At Auburn, nursing school students number 174, down by 10 (or 5.4 percent) from a year ago, including 85 students in the professional program (52 juniors and 33 seniors) and 89 students in pre-nursing. The goal for the school's professional program, said Mrs. Worman, is 100.

With 13 schools in the state offering bachelor's degrees in nursing, Alabama has more nursing schools than practically any other state. So, are there too many nursing schools in Alabama? No, says Mrs. Worman. "We're the only baccalaureate nursing program between here and the Georgia border. It's 60

miles to Montgomery [which has a baccalaureate nursing program] and 40 miles to the Georgia border. So, we're the only one in this 100-mile eastern area of Alabama—a heavily populated area."

Auburn's nursing school began in 1979, but a pre-nursing curriculum had existed in the School of Home Economics for 16 years prior to that. The nursing school evolved out of the

encouragement of physicians and other health care providers in the community. Mary Woody served as the first dean until 1984, when she went to Emory. Then, Carol Thompson served as acting dean for about nine months before Terri Brower was named dean. Dr. Brower served in that capacity from 1985 to March of this year, when she returned to teaching at Auburn. Mrs. Worman, who taught at Auburn from 1979 to 1986, came back in March to be acting dean.

The nursing school has 10 full-time faculty: one professor, three assistant professors, and six instructors. Only three of the school's faculty who were at Auburn two years ago are still here. The high faculty turnover has caused upheaval, but current figures show an improvement in the situation. In the fall of 1987, only three faculty members returned from the previous year. However, nine of the nursing school's present faculty were here in 1987.

"There has been difficulty with recruitment and retention of faculty," Mrs. Worman said. "What that does is make it difficult to recruit students. We're working very hard at rebuilding."

"The school is alive and well. We have more than 350 graduates who are working in all parts of the United States. I have a very cooperative, eager-to-learn faculty, but they don't have a lot of experience."

"I didn't know what to expect when I came back in March. What I found was a faculty looking for direction and leadership. They have been very responsive."

Meanwhile, the search for a new dean has started. Jack Blackburn, acting vice president for academic affairs, chairs the five-member search committee, which is reviewing applications.

The changes in deans and faculty members over the past four years haven't seemed to have affected the success of the students. Auburn's nursing school students consistently score higher than the national norm on the licensure exam.



A HELPING HAND—Part of the Auburn Nursing School's requirements involves students spending time at area health care facilities to gain needed clinical experience.

In the eight years of nursing classes taking the exams, 94 percent have passed. The school also has full approval and accreditation from the National League for Nursing and the Alabama Board of Nursing.

Auburn's baccalaureate program provides the general training the nurse needs, but specialization comes later, after the nurse gains experience in a hospital. Nursing students first get acquainted with the "real world" of health care through the program's required clinical experience. Not only does the student benefit, said Mrs. Worman, but the health care facilities in the community respond quite favorably to the extra help.

Mrs. Worman also has praise for the students: "The typical Auburn student is one who has a certain amount of enthusiasm about life in general. There's an empathy and compassion there. That helps a family's response to illness."

"Nursing is hard work," she said. "You must understand human beings because ill people often show their worst sides. There's a great deal of stress."

Because of the high demand for nurses, salaries are on the upswing. Entry-level salaries for nurses average about the same as those of accountants but rise more slowly. According to Mrs. Worman, the difference between entry-level nurses and 10-year nurses has traditionally been compressed. Nurses had to leave the bedside and become administrators to receive equitable pay. But the focus is turning back to the patient as hospitals develop career ladders for nurses who remain by the bedside.

Another lesson health care facilitators are learning involves more efficient use of nurses' time. No longer do nurses act as secretary and receptionist; it's more important, as well as efficient, to have the nurse caring for the patient instead of the paperwork.

"Nursing provides a career," said Mrs. Worman, "that enables you to use your personal attributes to the fullest. As a profession, it's not as circumscribed as some disciplines. The settings can be so varied that the potential is unlimited."

Of course, there are obstacles to overcome, too. Mrs. Worman said that nursing students shouldn't become discouraged by the nursing shortage or liability problems (nurses and nursing students all carry liability insurance). One of the positive things nursing school gives a student is maturity. She said students often tell her that they've outgrown their roommates or their boyfriends.

"Nursing school forces you to grow up," she said. "Our faculty members have to help students make that transition the first quarter of their junior year when they're accepted into the professional program. Facing the seriousness of sickness, they can't help but grow up. Integrity is also essential because you have to be able to admit when you make a mistake. Nursing can be frustrating, but it's never boring."

Auburn's nursing graduates head in a variety of directions. Some go straight to the hospital bedside; others may enter the home health care route, or go into law school, or become anesthetists or

managers. Many continue their education with a master's degree. Mrs. Worman said nurses with master's degrees can go into just about any area of concentration they desire.

Although nursing provides a great deal of opportunity, males still shy away from the field. Out of the 85 students in the professional program, five are male, reflecting the low percentage of male nurses (about three percent) nationally.

As acting dean, Mrs. Worman must consider all the factors that contribute to the state of her profession and its future in her direction of the nursing program at Auburn. She said that her school has concentrated on teaching because of the newness of the program, but she recognizes the need to grow in the other areas of Auburn's mission—extension and research. Thus, the nursing school will become more active in soliciting grants in the near future.

Asked about her role and what advice she will give the new dean, she said, "I look at myself as a bridge. I will tell the new dean to concentrate on the strengths of the program, evaluate the weaknesses, and to be in the continual process of shaping the program to meet not only university goals, but the goals of our profession."

English's Burling Is a Scholar of Diverse Talents

By Beth Cox '89

Last spring a small group of English majors met at Darnell's to enjoy listening to the classic rock and roll sounds of a local band. Though others in the crowded club may not have recognized the tall, bearded figure playing lead guitar, the English students knew him well. As he opened with a soulful version of Creedence Clearwater Revival's "Heard it Through the Grapevine," the crowd hushed their chatter and took a closer look at the bespectacled musician energetically moving across the stage.



THE SINGING PROFESSOR—English Assistant Professor William Burling doesn't have to sing for his supper, but it does offer a break from teaching. Dr. Burling can often be seen at local haunts playing guitar and singing with the band "Desperate Measures."

—Photo by Beth Cox

Exchanging knowing glances, the English students smiled in appreciation, already well acquainted with Assistant Professor William Burling's equally entertaining performances inside the classroom. While playing in a rock and roll band has remained a part of his life, Dr. Burling's heart and soul belong to the study of English literature and the rewards of sharing his knowledge with others.

In class, Dr. Burling may lecture on anything from *Beowulf* to *Paradise Lost*, though his favorite topic of discussion concerns late seventeenth- and early eighteenth-century British drama. Much like a favorite song evokes memories of a distant past, his lectures recreate the days when the Royal Navy ruled the seas and English playwrights ruled the stage.

"I like the classroom," he explained, "especially as I teach only those subjects I really enjoy. I am lucky in that I have different classes every quarter. Throughout one year, I usually teach an upper level course for graduate students, an advanced literature course for juniors and seniors, and introductory courses in writing and literature for freshmen. This normally includes Honors Survey of English Literature, which is a five-hour survey course for advanced students. I also teach a course on the Age of Johnson, though the English Department only offers it every other year. During summer quarter, I usually teach a special topics course for upperclassmen. This past summer I led a small but astute group of students through the history of tragedy, beginning with the Greek classics and ending with nineteenth-century sentimental British drama."

Dr. Burling's vivid and colorful lectures on an era long past make the concerns of British playwrights relevant to the students of today. "Literature deals with universals, problems that reoccur in all generations," he said. "My students discover the plays we study to contain characters who face problems surprisingly similar to those they encounter in modern day life. Like Hamlet, who struggles to take an action that will determine his fate, my students face decisions that will shape the rest of their

lives. They can empathize with Hamlet's dilemma and learn from his struggles in Shakespeare's famous play."

Despite obvious classroom success, Dr. Burling devotes an equal amount of time and energy to research. "I am half teacher, half scholar," he explained. "I would not do one without the other." Currently at work on three books concerning sixteenth- and seventeenth-century British drama, Dr. Burling already has a well-established publishing career. During the past two years, he published more than twenty articles in various literary journals.

Besides teaching and conducting research, Dr. Burling currently heads undergraduate advising in the English Department. He is responsible for appointing an academic advisor to every student—all 98 of them—majoring in English. He also advises a large number of students himself, assisting them with choosing classes, schedule adjustments, and even career choices. During the year, he plans a program to acquaint English majors with opportunities in teaching, graduate school, or even the business world. In addition, he serves as advisor to the English honorary, Sigma Tau Delta, reorganized this past spring at the request of interested students.

Despite his numerous responsibilities in the department, Dr. Burling arrived on the Plains just three years ago. He admitted to experiencing a bit of a culture shock during his first year in the Deep South, having spent most of his life in the Midwest. However, he had no problem adjusting to small town life, as he began his own childhood in a remote Wisconsin town.

"I am one of the last people you will ever meet who actually walked two miles through the snow to attend a one-room schoolhouse," he related. "We had only one teacher for eight separate grades. As she normally completed my lesson by mid-morning, I could either shoot spitballs the rest of the day or read books. I chose the books and developed advanced reading skills at a very young age."

Though Dr. Burling studied psychology as an undergraduate at the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire, his continuing love for books compelled him to later pursue a master's in English. "In graduate school, I chose to study English strictly for art's sake," he explained, "and initially felt no desire to become a teacher. My attitude changed somewhat when I was offered a teaching assistantship at the University of Wisconsin. However, when the professor whose position I filled returned, I decided to give myself a chance at a career that had long held a special attraction for me. Without looking back, I took my guitar and hit the road to try my hand as a professional musician."

Dr. Burling's musical interests date back to 1963, the momentous year the Beatles first came to America. "This was also the year I received my first guitar," he related. "After thanking my parents for the gift, I went into my room and was not seen for the next six months."

Playing in a rock and roll band in both high school and college, he eventually joined "Crosstown Traffic," which he called the "closest I ever came to the big time. We made a record and

even received some national exposure, playing with early seventies groups like 'The Gentries' and 'Shadows of the Night.' Despite an initial success, we ultimately broke up due to communication problems with our manager in New York and a severe lack of funds."

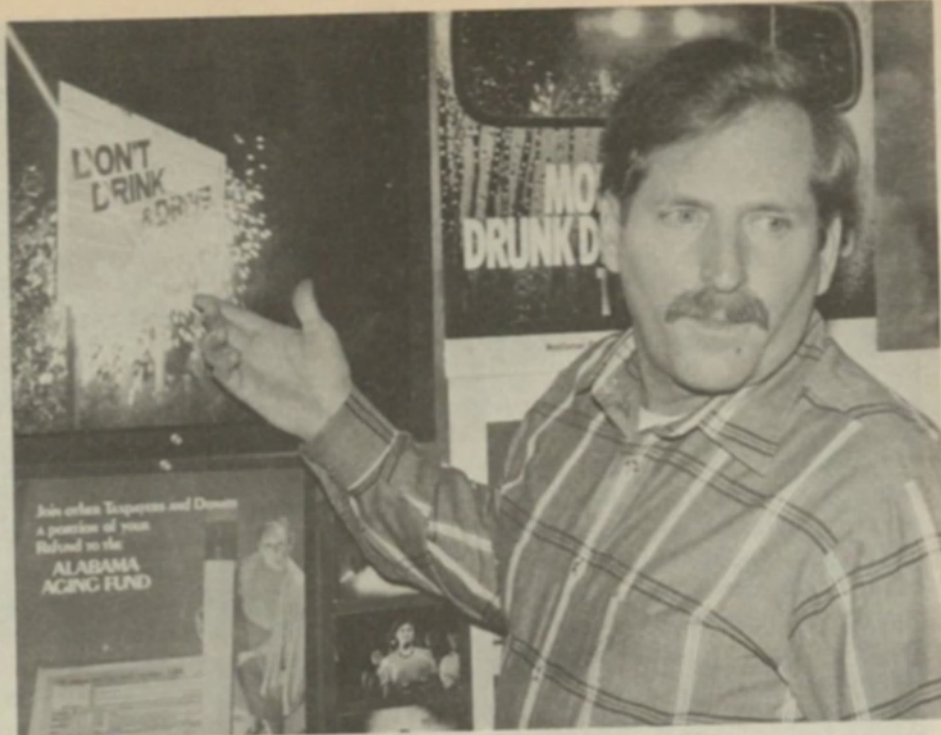
Still determined to make a career in music after his brief teaching stint at the University of Wisconsin, Dr. Burling no longer felt the same drive to make it to the top. "I just wanted to play some music and enjoy doing it," he related. "For close to two years I traveled with assorted bands, playing rock, country, and even jazz at various cities throughout the country. Though I loved the work, I soon realized the hectic lifestyle simply was not for me. I made the decision to return to the classroom, both as a teacher and a student. I spent the next five years at Penn State, working as a teaching assistant while pursuing my doctorate."

After completing his dissertation, Dr. Burling began his Auburn career in the fall of 1985. It did not take long, however, for his musical interests to resurge. While talking with colleague and friend James Hammersmith, he mentioned the possibility of getting together to practice some music. Both professors came from similar musical backgrounds and still held an interest in playing good music. "Before long," Dr. Burling explained, "Jim and I began composing our own songs. Jim wrote the lyrics and I took his words and put them to music. Soon we had a collection of assorted songs we thought good enough to record. We recruited Gina Herring, another English professor, and did some home recording in Hammersmith's living room. He came up with the name 'Desperate Measures,' which we all agreed an appropriate title for our developing band.

"Our main goal when we started playing together was to have some fun. We soon realized our sound was pretty good, and began to hope we might one day sell some songs. After recording our first tape, we decided to distribute it among faculty and friends and receive some response. Although everyone enjoyed it, they all liked a different song best. Most of the songs had a definite blues sound, a little like the music of Muddy Waters, B.B. King, and 'Little Feat,' my personal favorites.

"This past summer Jim took a few of our songs to Milwaukee in the hopes that local bands might show an interest in recording them. We received a positive response, which could possibly lead to some type of recording contract. Don't be surprised if you hear that Auburn's own 'Desperate Measures' wrote some of the best cuts on the latest album rising to the top of the charts," Dr. Burling added with a grin.

William Burling and his musical cohorts certainly disprove the theory that all college professors' lives revolve around books, research, or even students. This eighteenth-century scholar insists that the key to a satisfying life is learning how to balance the rigors of career with those simple activities that bring one pleasure. Though teaching and research long ago became more important than musical aspirations, he still enjoys good music and intends to continue playing.



PSA EXPERT—Tom Lenard, head producer and director at Auburn Television, is the mastermind behind many of the public service announcements appearing in theaters and on television throughout the state. —Photo by Steven Stiefel

Auburn Filmmaker Uses Theater Spots To Reach Teens

By Steven Stiefel '89

It's the normal scene in a movie theater: the light shines through a small projection window. The previews suddenly flash upon the screen which faces a teenage audience eagerly awaiting some good, wholesome bloodshed from the latest "slasher maniac" sequel. The audience witnesses an array of special effects, sights and sounds exploding. Only when the episode finishes does the crowd realize they've watched a public service announcement discouraging teen sex.

"I aim to con the audience," admits Tom Lenard, head producer/director at Auburn Television, a branch of Auburn University's Telecommunications and ETV Division. In addition to his duties presenting slide shows around campus, he produces public service announcements (PSAs) to help save today's youth from the perils of drunk driving and teen sex. "When a PSA comes on the screen, people think it's just another preview and pay attention."

According to Mr. Lenard, an aspiring director, thinking of concepts that teens will pay attention to is the hardest part of producing his PSAs. He grasps his adolescent audience's notice by playing the spots during the previews and filming them as coming attractions kids will want to know about. "Ideally, the audience won't know until the end what they're watching, and by that time, I hope it will entertain them to the point that the message will stick."

To accomplish this task, his PSAs employ science-fiction themes and special effects filmed with special in-camera techniques. "The sci-fi is only part of the gimmick," he explains. "I could just as well do a western—anything's better than a face talking to you."

He believes that the movie theater provides an ideal medium for reaching

teenagers that, until recently, has gone untapped. Most teens view at least one movie a week, but they seldom watch late night programming when TV commercials will most likely run. "Doing TV spots seemed like launching satellites, but in the movies there's instant feedback. Some people tend to grow offended when they see commercials at the movies. Theater managers welcome the spots, though, because they entertain while also sending important messages."

Mr. Lenard's past work includes many "adult" projects as well. The message behind *Teddy Will Talk*, states that abusive parents were often abused themselves. His spots for the Alabama Arts Council feature normal people working at day jobs and performing in the symphony at night. In these, Mr. Lenard used a "video weave," which shows 25 images in 30 seconds.

His more recent spots resemble a Steven Spielberg film, with spaceships and desolate highways. In fact, he contacted Spielberg's Hollywood office in 1984 when planning a PSA parody of Spielberg's *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*. Producers loved the theme: "Don't Drink and Drive: You Never Know What You Might Encounter," and requested a copy. "No calls from Spielberg yet. Of course, these phone lines stay so busy around here," joked Mr. Lenard, pointing to the hushed telephone on his desk.

For the *Close Encounters* spot, he used Eaves-Memorial Coliseum on campus as a location for filming. That film's success has led to plans for an even more spectacular sequel, sponsored jointly by the Alabama and Tennessee Highway Safety Departments, which will reemphasize the same theme while also encouraging seatbelt usage. Other and as-yet-unfunded projects include a theatrical spot discouraging drug abuse and a sequel to his latest creation, currently filling 70 of Alabama's busiest theater screens.

In this spot, *The Power to Create Life*, he parodies the opening trial scene in the original *Superman* movie. An alien council informs Earth's teenagers, "You have the power—the power to create

life," and warns them not to misuse that power. "Teenagers feel powerless in our society, but this project illustrates one important power that they do have: the power of reproduction," explained Mr. Lenard. "I think youths take your message easier if you don't talk down to them, but come across subtly and enjoyably."

Trying not to offend anyone in dealing with fragile issues such as birth control can prove tricky, however. The PSA offers abstinence as the most responsible option, telling young people "now is not the time" instead of "you're too young." Mr. Lenard sees the dramatic presentation as another way of "getting inside their heads. All we can do is plant an idea and let them harvest their own conclusions."

It took nearly two years of in-depth planning and searching for available money to make the *Power PSA* a reality. The film's \$53,000 budget—most of which went toward special effects—came from the Alabama Medicaid Agency, the Departments of Public Health and Human Resources, and federal matching funds. Mr. Lenard achieved some amazing effects with limited funds, relying on ingenuity and experimentation.

Experimentation often brings chaos, however, even when planned exactly. Mr. Lenard says that problems usually work out to his advantage by forcing him to experiment further. He draws out each shot on elaborate storyboards as he envisions it. For the two-and-a-half minute film, Mr. Lenard turned the Fort Harrison National Guard Armory in Opelika and the Bankhead Tunnel in Mobile into temporary studios, and used two Auburn theatre majors, George Hansen '88 and Courtney Payne of Birmingham, as the teenagers contemplating sex.

Many others connected to Auburn assisted in the production, such as ETV staff members Cedron Wynn and Tom Causland '82, who "proved invaluable on location." The synthesized music and special effects of ETV's Larry Shaw gave the film a subtle refinement. Mr. Lenard recruited fellow Auburn Rotarians as alien councilmen, including Ed Hobbs, retired dean of Arts and Sciences; Caine Campbell, associate dean of Liberal Arts; H.C. Morgan '55, associate dean of Veterinary Medicine; Oxford Stroud '49, associate professor emeritus of English; Gene Bramlett, Center on Aging director; and Edward Wegener, retired director of Auburn Television.

Mr. Lenard worked out a distribution agreement long before his cameras began rolling, insuring that his spot would be shown in the theaters most likely to be filled with teenagers. Also one can find a shortened version on commercial TV stations across Alabama. The North Carolina Division of Family Planning hopes to use the *Power* film in theaters and on TV, and in November eight other southern states will consider using it.

"Young people see these spots at what I like to call the magic moment," he explained. "If teens go out to the movie then that particular night they might leave the theater and drive drunk or have sex. We potentially have the last chance to save a kid from disaster. My films are

to make young people think twice about what might result from their actions. If we reach just one person and prevent just one unwanted pregnancy or one alcohol-related death, then I'd consider our projects successful."

AU's Samford Hall Celebrates Its 100th(?) Birthday

By Sam Hendrix
AU News Bureau

According to the cornerstone, this year marks the centennial of Samford Hall on campus. But is it?

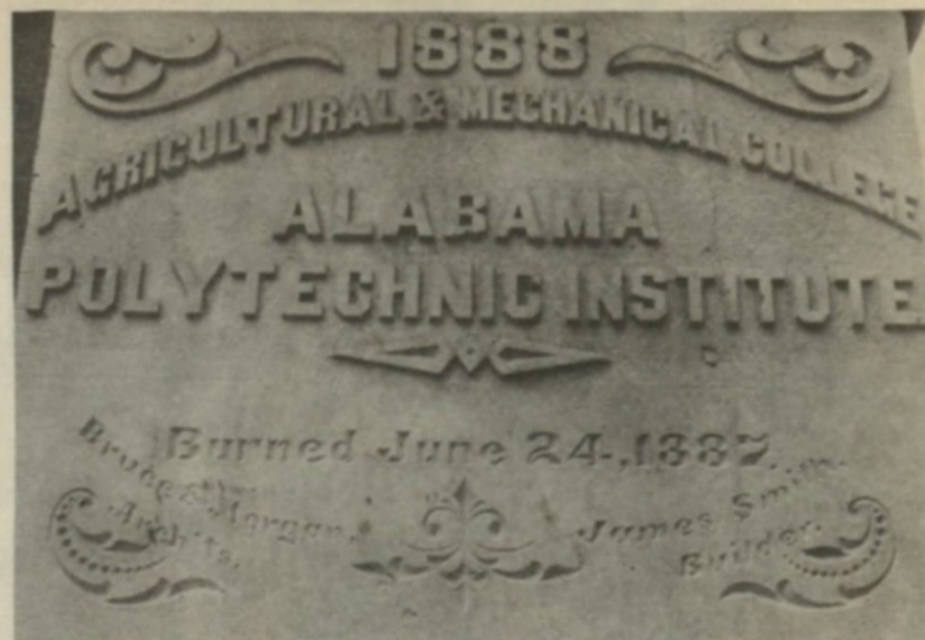
According to the minutes of the board of trustees meeting from June, 1890, the building "was completed January 1st (1890), though not entirely completed until the close of this (spring 1890) session." The October 1, 1889, construction deadline was missed. According to the trustees' minutes, the "contractor agreed that the incomplete building should be occupied on January 1st."

The question remains: If the building was built in 1889, why is "1888" chiseled into the cornerstone? That's a mystery that may never be solved. Whatever the answer, there is little question that the story of the two-towered symbol of

Auburn, built on the site of its predecessor, Old Main, which burned in 1887 after 30 years of service, is, in a sense, the story of Auburn and of Auburn University.

The town was founded in 1836 by Judge John J. Harper of Harris County, Georgia, and named by his future daughter-in-law who enjoyed Oliver Goldsmith's poem, "The Deserted Village." According to "Auburn Starts a Second Century," written by 1920 graduate and long-time registrar Charles W. Edwards, the originally proposed town was named "Geneva," but Judge Harper's son, Thomas, had a fondness for 15-year-old Lizzie Taylor and asked her opinion of a town name. She, of course, favored "Auburn." According to Edwards, straws were drawn and "Auburn" won.

Twenty years later, citizens of Auburn faced a political battle with Greensboro, directly across the state, over where the state would establish its next college. Auburn's forces used an interesting strategy, yielding to Greensboro, which then became home to Southern University (later Birmingham-Southern) on Feb. 1, 1856. A week later, the legislature overrode a veto by Gov. John A. Winston and incorporated East Alabama Male College, a liberal arts college which was maintained by the Methodist Church after 1859.



WRITTEN IN STONE?—The cornerstone on Samford Hall says the building was completed in 1888, but there is some doubt as to whether this year marks the building's 100th birthday.

—Photo by Mike Jernigan

Edwards wrote, "Construction of a college building was begun in May, 1857, and by Autumn 1859, the handsome, four-story, gray-walled, square-towered building was finished and furnished at a cost of \$111,200. College opened that year under the presidency of the Rev. William Jeremiah Sasnett, with a faculty of five, a college enrollment of 80, and 113 pupils in the preparatory department. The course of study was strictly classical, the typical liberal arts curriculum of the day, with heavy offerings in Latin and Greek...Fees totalled \$54."

Old Main, with its Italian design, served the college and was used as a hospital during the civil war. It burned shortly before dawn on June 24, 1887, probably because of fire originating in the basement chemistry lab. The college library was also destroyed. In 1888, when Samford Hall was built, the library was placed within it, growing to 8,000 volumes by 1894. The library remained in Samford until 1909, when a Carnegie grant enabled the institution to build what later would be named Martin Hall.

Samford, renovated in 1971 and listed in the National Register of Historic Buildings, today houses about 80 offices, including the president's office and those of several vice presidents, in its nearly 50,000 square feet. The building's most noteworthy attribute is its picturesque clock tower. Formerly known as "Big Sam," the 1,800-pound clock was manufactured by Seth Thomas Clock Co. of Thomaston, Conn., and installed on April 18, 1889. An electric mechanism was installed in 1944, and thereafter the device has had to be wound every eight days.

The tower's bell, weighing 4,200 pounds, was built by McNeely Bell Co. of Troy, N.Y., and put into place in 1889 by a horse hoisting it to its position. Originally, a janitor would tug a rope to ring the bell on the hour and at 10 minutes past the hour for classes and at other times for church services. During World War I, the bell was used for reveille by the Student Army Training Corps, whose barracks were located where Foy Union now stands.

As late as the 1920s, most college classes were held in Samford. The number dwindled as more buildings

were constructed, and in the 1960s Samford Hall hosted its final class, as the last classroom gave way to administrative offices.

It is fitting that the name of Samford has remained closely associated with Auburn for 100 years, as the Samford family has long been among the most noteworthy of Auburn supporters. In fact, a Samford has been on the university's board of trustees for 75 of 88 years in this century.

Samford Hall was named for William James Samford, Alabama's 31st governor, who came from Lee County and attended East Alabama Male College. Other Samfords closely associated with Auburn over the years include: Thomas D. Samford, a board member during 1902-1906 and 1924-1947; William James Samford, father of the current trustee and university counsel for 17 years during the 1950s and '60s; Frank P. Samford, who served on the board from 1947-1973; Frank P. Samford, Jr., who served on the board from 1973-1984; and Thomas D. Samford III, university counsel for the past 23 years. William James Samford, Jr., a 1972 Auburn political science graduate, is a current member of the board of trustees. Fittingly in this, Samford Hall's 100th year, he is the great grandson of Gov. Samford, for whom the building is named.

Computers May Be Key to Helping Paralysis Victims

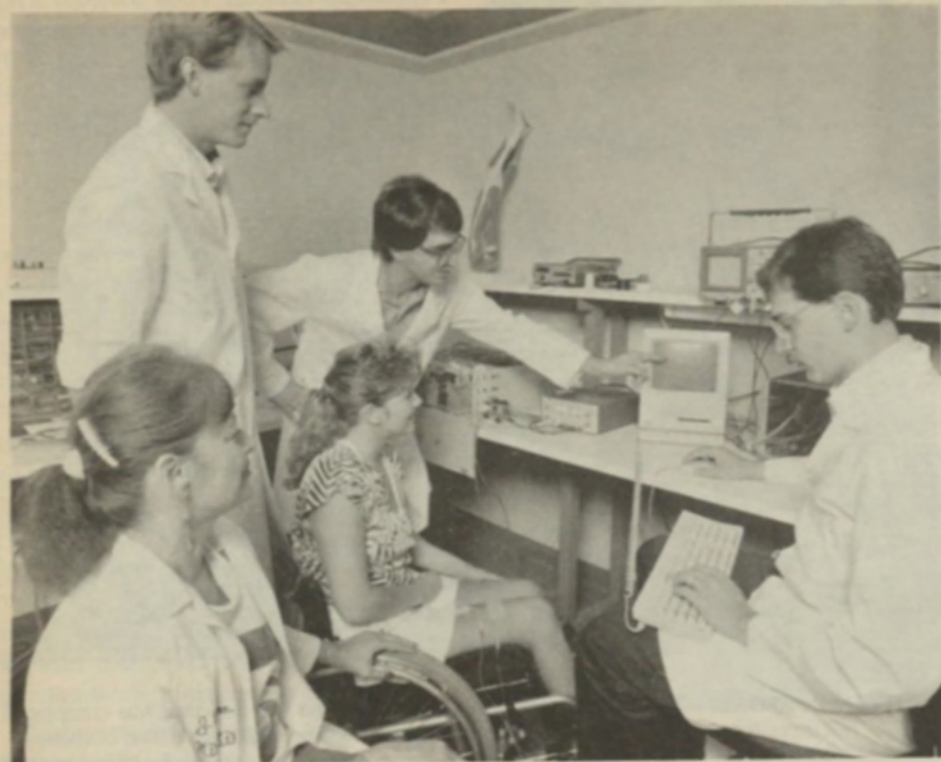
By Jim Killian

Summer and fall are the seasons for spinal cord injuries. People spend more time outdoors. They travel more. There are more accidents. And for victims who suffer paraplegia—lost use of legs—or quadriplegia—lost use of the upper body as well—time stands still in a wheelchair.

Allowing these people to one day regain a measure of freedom is what drives Assistant Professor Michael Morse of electrical engineering and fellow researcher Judith Walker of the Walker



HISTORIC SAMFORD—The familiar landmark of Auburn's campus, Samford Hall, celebrates its 100th birthday this year, or does it? Sam Hendrix delves into the history of the twin-towered building, which was built on the site of its predecessor, Old Main. —Photo by Mike Jernigan



PARALYSIS RESEARCH—Working in conjunction with scientists at the Walker Institute in California, Auburn researchers are involved in efforts to help paralysis victims regain partial mobility through the use of computers. Explaining the process to a wheelchair-limited patient are project members, left to right, Judith Walker, Michael Wixson, Michael Morse, and Andrew Cilia.

Institute in California. The two are using computers to electronically stimulate and move paralyzed limbs. "This research has progressed to the point where paraplegics can walk free of braces for 10, 15, and even 20 feet," notes Dr. Morse, who joined the Auburn faculty in 1987. "One patient has even stretched this figure to 140 feet. But many problems still exist."

The office Dr. Morse occupies in Broun Hall, headquarters to the Electrical Engineering Department, is filled with the electronic miscellanea that any EE faculty member might need—a personal computer on one desk, the terminal to a powerful mainframe on another, an oscilloscope at his elbow, and a partially finished circuit board on his desk blotter. There is little outward evidence of his particular research efforts, since the spacious rehabilitation facilities at the Walker Institute in Pacific Palisades, Calif., are where patients with neurological problems actually try the new stimulator.

"To date, there has been a lot of research effort to electrically stimulate muscles no longer controlled by the spinal cord. We are stimulating peripheral nerves and directly stimulating the muscle, bypassing the brain and spinal cord," Dr. Morse explains. "There are, however, two significant problems with existing systems. The first is muscle fatigue and the second is pain."

To emulate walking, Dr. Morse continues, electrodes are taped to the patient's limbs and computer-controlled electrical impulses are sent to them through an electronic interface that is "intelligent" or "smart" in the terminology of computer scientists. "Our system is 'intelligent' enough to send the right amount of stimulation and to incorporate feedback into its operation, which is why we can consider it as a big step forward. What we're doing now is refining it."

But the problem of muscle fatigue still exists. Because of the way they are stimulated, the muscles tire in a relatively short period and simply give out. "Pain

also results from stimulation. Seventy percent of spinal cord injured patients still have some feeling, and they feel pain before reaching a stimulation level that will cause acceptable movement."

What Dr. Morse, Dr. Walker, and their colleagues are trying to do is fine-tune the stimulus to control larger sets of muscles in a more sophisticated manner. Dr. Morse points, too, to the fine control of larger sets of muscles as the way in which these motions can be made less robot-like and more natural.

"It's unrealistic at this point in time to think that paraplegics can be made to walk as they did before injury," Dr. Morse points out. "But we can emulate walking and grasping. I feel we can get to the point where a paraplegic could leave the wheelchair to get around a kitchen, or a quadriplegic could grasp a comb and have enough control for grooming."

"The primary advantage our system offers is flexibility, or the ability to change the stimulus from site to site and patient to patient in a relatively simple manner. Tuning of the stimulation protocol to the individual patient or muscle site is the key."

All of the clinical work is carried out at the Los Angeles-based Walker Institute, founded by Dr. Walker seven years ago to research and rehabilitate neurological injuries such as spinal cord damage.

In addition to his visits there, Dr. Morse has set up a program that allows the continued presence of an Auburn student at the Walker Institute, through a schedule of 10-week rotations. In addition, Assistant Professor Thaddeus Roppel of the university's electrical engineering faculty is assisting, along with student Andrew Cilia and electrical engineer Joe Haggerty, who have built much of the specialized equipment used in the research.

Thousands of hours have gone into what Dr. Morse characterized as a shoestring operation that is constantly in need of funding. But there is hope for improvement. He and Dr. Roppel sit

on the scientific advisory board of the Neurological Recovery Foundation (NRF), a non-profit, publicly supported organization, which, along with the Walker Institute and Auburn, have helped support him. The NRF's three goals are to support basic and clinical research for maximal restoration after neural damage, to provide up-to-date information on neurological recovery research and clinical programs, and to find a cure for paralysis.

As the public becomes more aware of the promise that such research holds for patients who otherwise have little medical recourse or hope for recovery, Dr. Morse feels the funding will improve. If that happens, the efforts of Dr. Morse and his fellow researchers in the Electrical Engineering Department should help put Auburn in the forefront of the effort to help disabled patients lead more normal lives.

Alumni Directory Provides Rich Source of Trivia

By Mike Jernigan '80

The *Alumneus* often receives letters from astounded alumni who, although they thought they were at the far ends of the earth—be it a bar in Brazil or a mountaintop in Japan—struck up a conversation with a stranger or yelled "War Eagle!" and found themselves in the company of another Auburnite. From what we can tell, Auburn men and women are scattered to all four corners of the globe, and, thanks to the exploits of Auburn's six former and current astronauts, occasionally beyond the globe as well.

The recent arrival of the new *Auburn University Alumni Directory 1988* provided the perfect opportunity to look into a few trivial facts about the whereabouts and numbers of Auburn alumni both in the United States and abroad. The directory, sponsored by the Alumni Association and published this summer, includes brief informational sketches, current addresses, and phone numbers for alumni contacted in the past year through the Harris Publishing Company's mail and phone solicitation. The solicitations reached 79 percent of the alumni listed in the Alumni Association's computer files.

The *Directory* is divided into three sections, listing alumni alphabetically, geographically, and by class year, and all three sections contain a wealth of information. Auburn's (then Alabama Polytechnic Institute) oldest listed alumnus, for instance, is engineering graduate Alpheus M. Davis of Lakeland, Fla., the sole surviving member of the Class of 1902. In addition to Mr. Davis' graduation, the year was also marked by the death of Auburn's fourth president, William Leroy Broun, under whose leadership the university had grown to a bustling academic community of 19 full-time faculty members and 412 students. The Class of 1902 does not have the distinction of being the smallest class, however, since the Classes of 1904 and 1907 also have one member apiece.

Surprisingly, since the university first

admitted women in 1892, Auburn's oldest listed female alumnus is business graduate Frances Knapp Ashby, now deceased, of the Class of 1908. Education graduate Annalee Edwards Smith of Pensacola, Fla., a member of the Class of 1917, holds the distinction of being Auburn's oldest living female alumnus. President Charles Coleman Thach, the first alumnus to return to the university as its president, handed her a diploma at graduation as Auburn's 72 faculty members and her 139 classmates looked on. Soon, many of these same classmates and faculty members would be on the battlefields of France, Belgium, and Germany, as America became involved in World War I.

Since Mr. Davis and Mrs. Smith were among the first graduates of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, as Auburn had been known in 1899 after being known first as the East Alabama Male Institute and then Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College, the last graduate of API deserves recognition as well. According to the *Directory*, the last student to walk the aisles at graduation prior to API's name change to Auburn University on January 1, 1960, was elementary education major Lynn Zell McDaniel of Birmingham, who is the last member alphabetically of the Class of 1959.

If it's numbers you're interested in, the *Directory* is an interesting source for statistics as well. The geographical section lists alumni by city, state, and country, providing information ranging from the number of Alabama towns and cities with the fewest Auburn alumni—79 communities, including both Havana and Cuba, Ala., boast only one—to the city with the most—Birmingham, with 10,265 in the Jefferson County area. As for states, Alabama leads in the number of Auburn graduates with 60,793, followed by Georgia (16,148), Florida (10,581), Tennessee (4,140), and Texas (2,983). North Dakota, Vermont, and South Dakota seem the U.S. places Auburn alumni are least likely to end up, with 15, 16, and 25 alumni respectively.

In fact, those three states have fewer Auburnites than many foreign countries claim. Alumni are scattered in 95 nations around the world. Taiwan is the leading importer of Auburn graduates with 94, followed by India with 64. Other alumni who find it hard to tune into a Tiger football game include Auburn "clubs of one" in the Bahamas, Bahrain, Bermuda, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, the Cayman Islands, Cyprus, Denmark, Ethiopia, Guam, Guinea, Israel, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Paraguay, Portugal, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Togo, Tunisia, the United Arab Republic, and even Vietnam.

While finding out how many alumni are where is an interesting pursuit, the real purpose of the *Directory* is locating former classmates and friends lost over the years. And Jean Morris Law '54 of Lubbock, Tex., is one happy owner who did just that. "Thank you for the magnificent directory," she wrote in a recent letter. "I sat right down and called my freshman roommate from 1950-51. I had lost touch with her in 1955. Her first words were 'you received your book today!' It was great to share 30 years in 30 minutes!"

Alumnalities

1928

James E. Carter was recognized at the Scottsboro Lions Club's 50th anniversary celebration as the club's oldest member with the longest service record.

1940-1942

L. Ray Gibson '40 of Pensacola, Fla., often plays in senior tennis tournaments, most recently with a win at the Dixieland Senior Invitational Tennis Tourney in Birmingham.

E.T. York, Jr. '42, chancellor emeritus of the State University System of Florida, recently received the Service to American and World Agriculture Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. Mr. York's career has spanned more than 40 years in 70 nations on agricultural development projects, including appointments by six presidents. He and his wife, **Vermelle Cardwell** '46, live in Gainesville, Fla., and have two children, Lisa and Travis.

1948-1949

Fred Moultrie '48, Ph.D., retired in April from Perdue Farms, Inc., after 32 years as a geneticist in the poultry industry. A former Auburn professor, he continues to work as a genetics consultant in Salisbury, Md., where he and his wife, Frances, live.

Bill Lollar '48 of Atlanta, Tex., has retired to full-time traveling with his wife, Annie. They have two sons, James Lee and Jerry Wade, and four grandchildren.

Cleamon O. Baker, Jr. '49 has retired from NASA at the Marshall Space Flight Center and farms in Huntsville, where he and his wife, Elaine, live.

Clinton Owens '49 of Montgomery retired in August from the Alabama Department of Education.

1950-1951

Fred Duran, Jr. '50 has joined Computer Task Group, Inc., an information systems

consulting firm in Birmingham, after retiring from General Electric Co.

Robert W. McMillan '51 recently retired as chief engineer at Central State Hospital after 31 years. He lives in Milledgeville, Ga.

1956-1959

T. Drew Ragan '56 is program director of the new Clarksville-Fort Campbell Educational Opportunity Center at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn.

Col. Mark S. Sowell, Jr. '58 has retired and moved to Pensacola, Fla.

Jeanne Priester '58, national Extension Service program leader, was recently presented the 1988 Alumna of the Year Award by Auburn's School of Human Sciences. She lives in Arlington, Va.

Herb Reed '58 has been appointed as director of communications for Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group in Dallas and lives in Richardson, Tex., with his wife, **SuAnne Boatwright** '58.

Erman Louie Crew, Jr. '59 is an associate professor of English at Claflin College in Orangeburg, S.C.

Joel R. Blair '59 is a sales manager for Tyler Pipe Corp. in Tyler, Tex.

1960

Bob Cox is working for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in Saudi Arabia.

1961

John E. Saidla, DVM, was recently named the feline extension veterinarian for Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine and assistant director of the Cornell Feline Health Center.

1962

William M. Beasley was awarded the Outstanding Service Award by the Alabama



OLDEST AND YOUNGEST—The oldest and youngest members of the Southern California Auburn Club posed for this picture at a recent meeting. They are Frank Dubose '29 and Clay Turner '84, vice president of the club.



SIXTY-FIVERS—Phil R. Rushing '65, left, and Jim S. Wiggins '65 were among those who enjoyed the recent Atlanta Auburn Club meeting. —Photo by Sheila Eckman



BIG NAMES IN SPORTS—The Columbus, Ga., Auburn Club meeting in August attracted 400 people to the Hughston Sports Foundation. Left to right are host Dr. Jack Hughston '38; Coach Pat Dye; and Kenny Howard, an Auburn athletic trainer for almost 40 years. —Photo by Jim Cautborne, Camera 1, Columbus, Ga.

Pharmaceutical Association at their annual convention in June. He served as legislative chairman for the association and was installed as president for 1988.

1963

James E. Murphree has been elected a vice president with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith in Huntsville.

1964

Harvey G. Jones, Jr., has joined WestPoint Pepperell Stores Division in Valley as director of advertising. He and his wife, Sara, live in Birmingham and have two children, Heather Kay and Christopher Broughton.

John C. Farmer has been promoted to manager of electronics and color engineering at WestPoint Pepperell's corporate engineering department in Valley. He and his wife, Jeanette, have two children, Charles and Suzanne.

Willie M. Sides has been promoted to general manager of yarn preparation with WestPoint Pepperell's Apparel Fabrics Division offices in Lumberton, N.C. He and his wife, Linda, live in Anderson, S.C., and have four children: Kathryn Diane, Teresa Carol, Sharon Leigh, and Danny Michael.

1965

George S. Sanders is director of sales for VTC, Inc., in Bloomington, Minn. He and his wife, Kalleen, have two children, Stan, 20, and Shaleen, 16.



DALLAS COUNTY—The June meeting of the Dallas County Auburn Club in Selma had 130 people on hand for the election of new officers. Left to right, they are: Ray Hogg '77, immediate past president; Carolyn Straiton '85, secretary; Claude Anderson '80, first vice president; Bill Porter '66, treasurer; Tom Cammack '79, president; and Kent Hooper Woodruff '78, second vice president.



ETOWAH COUNTY—The Etowah County Auburn Club's spring awards banquet in Gadsden brought out the smiles in everyone, including the club officers, left to right: Earl Gantt '63, secretary; Bonnie Lawler Stinson '74, president; Sheree Bowlen Scott '76, second vice president; Wayne Hollar '76, first vice president; Gullatte Hunter, treasurer; and Mark Jones '76, third vice president. Awards were given to Malcolm McCary, Outstanding Auburn Athlete from Etowah County; Charles M. Wiggins, III, Shug Jordan Outstanding Service Award; and Janna Rogers, J.R. Davis Scholarship.

James Smith, Jr., DVM, practices in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he and his wife, Barbara, live.

1966

F. William Peck is general manager of Allegheny Particle Board Corp. in Atlanta.

Col. **Thomas C. Nettles** has been assigned to Hickam AFB in Hawaii. He and his wife, **Carol Welden** '67, have two children, Ronny and Christa.

1967

H. Lloyd Borden works as district specialist for Northeast Alabama vocational agribusiness education. He and his wife, Debra, live in Albertville and have two children, Natasha Leigh, 19, and Adam Cheyne, 16.

Lt. Col. **F.H. Honeycutt** recently partic-

ipated in U.S. security efforts in Panama as part of Marine Forces Panama.

Barton Donaldson has been promoted to vice president of First National Bank of Atlanta. He lives in Marietta, Ga.

Harry V. Moore is an assistant professor of English at Jefferson Community College in Louisville, Ky., where he lives with his wife, Cassandra.

1968

Susan Word Holman is a service coordinator for the Albany Area Mental Health Center in Albany, Ga.

1969

Lt. Col. **Charles D. Bennett** recently returned from a deployment to Guantanamo Bay NAS, Cuba, with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, Jacksonville, N.C.

Bette McGibboney Swilley is the software and computer language coordinator for the DeKalb County Board of Education in Atlanta. She also serves as the national director of expansion and alumni for Mortar Board, Inc., the national college senior honorary.

BORN: A daughter, Jill Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. **Ralph P. Weathers (Margaret Tinsley)** of Gadsden. She joins Jeff, 15, and Janet, 12. Margaret teaches pre-school at First Baptist Church and Ralph is an engineer with Dawson Construction Co.

1970

Glenda Price Albright has been elected president of the Dothan Service League for 1988-1989. She and her husband, Karl, have a son, Matt, 9.

Will Nelson has been elected vice president of the Athens Board of Education for the 1988-1989 school year, with his term expiring in 1991. He is a pharmacist and

manager at Bruno's in Huntsville. He lives in Athens with his wife, **Linda Williams**, a teacher.

BORN: A daughter, Katie Rebecca, to Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas W. Foster** of Pensacola, Fla., on Aug. 4.

1971

Robert L. Moates has been promoted to head of equipment maintenance and analysis support at TVA's Chattanooga office. The American Red Cross recently cited his wife, **Kathy Owsley** '73, for outstanding volunteer service. They live in Hixson, Tenn., with their children, Robin, 13, and Pat, 10.

Dorothy Davis Sherling is an assistant professor in the mathematical sciences department at Denison University in Granville, Ohio.

Donna Carpenter Burchfield is a second-year law student at the University of South Carolina. Her husband, **Ron Burchfield**, is director of sales and marketing at Neptune Measurement in Greenwood, S.C., and plans to pursue his MBA at Harvard next year. They live in Lexington, S.C., and have a daughter, Lindsay, 9.

Sharon Weeks Powell is a clinical psychologist in private practice in Statesville, N.C., with her husband, James. In June she was awarded the Elizabeth Myers Pin Service Award by the Statesville Altrusa Club. They have two children and two grandchildren.

1972

Jim Painter is vice president of marketing for the Lerner Agency, Inc., in Kansas City, Mo. He and his wife, Margo, have a son, Jimmy, 10.

Lt. Col. **Jimmy Farris** is a visiting scholar to the Latin American Institute at the University of New Mexico as part of the Air Force Research Associates Program. He and his family live in Albuquerque, N.M.

Lana C. Thomas is a librarian at DAR Elementary in Guntersville. She lives in Boaz.

1973

Wilson C. Carnes, Jr., works for the Department of Energy as a civil and project engineer. He and his wife, Deborah, live in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

1974

Ulysses McBride, Ed.D., was recently elected Grand Polemarch (international president) of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity at its 68th Grand Chapter meeting in Dallas. He is chairman of the social science department at Faulkner State College in Bay Minette and a member of the board of trustees for the University of South Alabama.

MARRIED: **Ellinor Agnes Black** to Joe Keith White on June 25. They live in East Point, Ga.

BORN: A son, Andrew Edward (Drew), to Mr. and Mrs. **Edward N. Milton** of Atlanta on Aug. 3. Ed is general manager of the southeast region of Rubloff, Inc., a national commercial real estate services firm.

A son, Daniel Allen, to Mr. and Mrs. **Bill Newton (Sarah Barber)** of Fayette. He joins brothers John, 10, and William, 6.

1975

Thomas W. Tripp of Marietta, Ga., has been promoted to principal in the audit department of Arthur Young in Atlanta.

James C. Weeks, Jr., and his wife, **Patricia Champion** '74, own Redmont Pharmacy in Red Bay.

Ronald A. Hill is a structural engineer with CRS Serrine in Greenville, S.C., where he lives with his wife, Lee.

BORN: A son, Buckley Hays, to Mr. and Mrs. **Daniel E. McKay, III**, of Slidell, La., on July 13. He joins brother Danny, IV, 5.



FRIENDS OF HISTORY, LIBERAL ARTS—On September 29, more than 100 friends of Auburn's History Department and Liberal Arts program gathered at The Club in Birmingham to meet new dean Mary Richards and renew acquaintance with some of their favorite history professors. Pictured clockwise from the left, Dr. and Mrs. Jimmy Blake '74 with Dr. Donna Bohannon, center; John Stowe '33 and his wife, Lavina, chat with doctoral student Mary Lee Strother Carter '66, center; Carolyn Brinson Reed '65, at right, gets reacquainted with one of her former professors, Dr. Malcolm McMillan, emeritus head of history, center, and Dr. Joseph Kicklighter. At bottom are Dr. Lawrence Owsley of the History Department and James Sulzby, a member of the Humanities Advisory Council.



Daniel is a civil engineer for James M. Montgomery Consulting Engineers, Inc.

A son, George Matthew, to Mr. and Mrs. **Donald M. Taylor** of Mobile on May 9.

A son, John Kirkwood, to Mr. and Mrs. **J. David Nicholson** of Bessemer on Aug. 20.

1976

Debra Garrett Lovelady teaches in Montevallo, where she lives with her husband and two children.

Harold L. Lauderdale is an industrial engineer for WestPoint Pepperell in West Point, Ga. He and his wife, Deborah, live in Lanett with their two children, Hollie and Mark.

MARRIED: Rebecca Ann Comer to **Michael L. Love** on July 2. He is a management consultant and vice president at Atlanta Consulting International.

Debra Penrod to **Howard C. Frontz, III**, on July 23. He is a band director in Montezuma, Ga.

Marcia Anne Taylor to Marvin A. Johnson, Jr., on April 23. She is an assistant vice president at Alabama Federal Savings & Loan in Birmingham.

Denise Quinton to Kenneth W. Shepard on July 30. She is an optometrist in Rossville, Ga.

BORN: A son, Timothy Matthew, to Mr. and Mrs. **Tim Tatum (Sara Jane Torbert '81)** of Opelika on April 14. He joins sister Sara Katherine, 3. Tim is a dentist and Sara is an internal auditor.

A daughter, Sarah Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank W. Fitzgerald, Jr., DVM**, of Lafayette, Tenn., on April 17. She joins Katy, 8; Rob, 7; and Laura, 3.

A daughter, Kathryn McClintock, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Gary Weatherly (**JoAnn Rice**) of Birmingham on April 12. She joins sister Mary, 3. JoAnn is a senior graphic designer at Sonat, Inc.

A daughter, Anna Walker, to Mr. and Mrs. **James F. Harris, Jr.**, of Opelika on April 27. James works for Southeastern Environmental Services.

A son, Lee Wagner, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wagner Schafer (**Rebecca Goodwin**) of Seminole, Fla., on Aug. 10.

A son, Zachary Thomas, to Dr. and Mrs. **David Alan Long** of Laurel, Del., on Sept. 6. He joins brother Jacob David, 3.

A son, Christopher Hudson, to Mr. and Mrs. **I. Dwight New** of Columbus, Ga., on Feb. 5. He joins sister Elizabeth, 2.

A son, Brantley Coker, to Mr. and Mrs. **James W. Robinson, DVM**, of Gray, Tenn.,

in January. He joins one brother and one sister. James is a partner at the Mountain Empire Animal Hospital in Johnson City, Tenn.

1977

J. Roy Ware has been promoted to assistant department manager of weaving at WestPoint Pepperell's Fairfax Manufacturing Plant. He and his wife, Mary, live in Valley with their daughter, Macy Kayla.

Lala Suzanne Brock of Park City, Utah, works for Delta Air Lines.

James M. Ward works for K-mart as a retail manager. He lives in Montgomery with his wife, **Karen Matson '75**.

Linda Perry Epps teaches in Marshall County. She and her husband, Larry, live in Boaz.

Haiden W. Turner is senior audit manager for Peat Marwick Main & Co. in Dallas. He lives in Farmers Branch, Tex.

Capt. **William D. Frink, Jr.**, was recently awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his service as Assistant Division Air Defense Officer and Battery Commander at Fort Riley, Kan. He now attends Naval Postgraduate School, studying physics. He and his wife, Chanthaphen, live in Monterey, Calif., with their children, Ryan and Christine.

Rex B. Price of Birmingham is a systems engineering manager for IBM.

William F. Foreman, III, works for Schreiber Corp. as director of engineering. His wife, **Joan Chabert '74**, is development systems supervisor for Vulcan Materials' Chemical Division. They live in Birmingham.

Allen C. Spurlin is an electrical engineer for Procter & Gamble. He lives in Albany, Ga., with his wife, **Twila Wortman '76**, a retail florist.

MARRIED: Mary Ann Johnson to John Patrick on July 10. They live in Melbourne, Fla. She is a media specialist at Woodland Elementary in Zephyrhills, Fla.

BORN: A daughter, Jessica Alice, to Mr. and Mrs. **J. David Drescher (Deborah Glasford '76)** of Birmingham on Mar. 10. She joins sister Rachel Ann, 3. He is an attorney with Bradley, Arant, Rose & White.

A son, Ryan Joseph, to Capt. and Mrs. **Davis S. Cooper (Catherine Fisher)** of Langley AFB, Va., on Aug. 21. He joins brothers Tim, 6, and Nicholas, 3. Davis works at Tactical Air Command Headquarters.

A son, Benjamin Samuel, to Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Andrews (**Bebe Yancey**) of Sylacauga on Aug. 9. She teaches at Childersburg Middle School.

A son, Robert Merrill, to Mr. and Mrs.

Merrill H. Nall of Pensacola, Fla., on May 18. He joins sister Allison, 3. Merrill works for Champion International as a technical forester.

A son, Matthew Pope, to Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Carey (**Patricia Pope**) of South Dennis, Mass., on Sept. 23, 1987. Patricia works for Coy's Brook as a secretary.

1978

Elizabeth Cheney Sewell is vice president of operations for Visitors Television Network and is working on her MBA at Tulane University. She and her husband, William, live in New Orleans.

MARRIED: Patricia Rutledge to Jimmy Butler on April 16. She is a supervisor for USDA-Farmers Home Administration. They live in Vernon.

BORN: A daughter, Kalah Annette, to Mr. and Mrs. **Phillip S. Sherrill** of Hamilton on Aug. 20. He is material manager for NTN-Bower.

A daughter, Kristen Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. **Richard T. Yezzi** of Manassas, Va., on May 13. She joins brother Richard Edward, 2. Mr. Yezzi is a senior program manager for Atlantic Research Corp.

A son, Tyler Greer, to Mr. and Mrs. **Kenneth Stephens (Kathy Malesky)** of Tampa, Fla., on Sept. 14, 1987.

A son, Marcus James, to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Piland (**Cheryl Meyer**) of Arlington, Tex., on April 16.

1979

Robert Walker has been named a principal in the firm of Barganier McKee Sims Architects Associates in Montgomery.

Kathryn Dianne Kirkman Wells is vice president and creative director for Dittler Communications in Atlanta. Her husband, **J. Stephen Wells '80**, is an industrial designer with Siemens. They live in Lawrenceville, Ga., with their children, Stefani and Brandon.

Willie James Smith, III, works for



TALLADEGA TIGERS—The North Talladega County Auburn Club met in August at the Alpine Bay Country Club to hear Defensive Football Coach Wayne Hall and to elect new officers. Front row, left to right, are: Tracey Hughes Barber '84, vice president; Larkin Coker '63, treasurer; and Denise Murray '77, secretary. Back row: Tommy Spears '76, immediate past president; Coach Wayne Hall; and Randall Stewart '64, president.

WBMG-TV in Birmingham as news director and production manager. A gold medal winner at the 1984 Olympics, Willie failed to make the 1988 team but ran a six-year personal best of 44.9 in the 400-meter trials.

MARRIED: Elizabeth Jane French to Warren C. Powell on May 14. She works for Davis and Upchurch, CPAs, in Atlanta. They live in Sandy Springs, Ga.

BORN: A daughter, Davis Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Maddox (Cindy Kiley) of Gadsden on April 7. She joins sister Kiley, 2.

A daughter, Allison Catherine, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holt (Leta Laseter) of Pelham on Feb. 13.

1980

Cherry Gay Carter of Jasper has been inducted into Epsilon Sigma Phi, the national honorary extension fraternity; has received the Achievement in Service Award from the Alabama Association of Extension 4-H Agents; and is 1988-1989 president of the Jasper Jaycees.

Nick Davis has been promoted to superintendent of WestPoint Pepperell's bleach department at the Opelika Finishing Plant. He and his wife, **Susan Studstill**, live in Opelika with their sons, Nicholas and William.

LT. Col. Peter T. Baron recently reported for duty with Training Squadron-24 at Chase Field NAS in Beeville, Tex.

Capt. Wayne Stanley is in the Air Force, stationed in England. He and his wife, **Kimberly Weaver** '79, have three children.

David B. Farmer works for Northwest Airlines as a pilot and lives in Bloomington, Minn.

Bobby Lanier has been promoted to superintendent of screen printing at WestPoint Pepperell's Opelika Finishing Plant. He and his wife, **Lynne Wettengel** '81, live in Opelika with their son, Robert Chase.

John P. Blackmon is the head football coach and athletic director at Leroy High.

Rhea S. (Pete) Preston, Jr., works for the state of Alabama as a microbiologist. He lives in Montgomery with his wife, Teresa.

Chris Isaacson has been named Alabama's Outstanding Young Forester. He works for MacMillan Bloedel as an area forester and lives in Selma.

Anna-Fay Wiggers is vice president of interest rate risk management for Fulton Federal Savings and Loan Association in Atlanta.

MARRIED: Ann Dunmyer '81 to Thomas Mayhall on June 25.

BORN: A son, Christopher Richard, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fernandez (Ann McGee) of Miami Shores, Fla., on Aug. 3. She is a learning disabilities teacher.

A daughter, Melanie Jayne, to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford LeVan (Jayne Batt) of Elizabethtown, Ky., on May 20. She joins brother Benjamin Michael. Jayne is finance manager of Hardin County Honda.

A son, Donald Brett (Skip), to Mr. and Mrs. Don Hutchins '79 (Laurie Miller) of Atlanta on Aug. 16. He joins sister Candace, 3. Don is director of purchasing and marketing for Capitol Foods.

A daughter, Caroline, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Gordy Germany '77 (Melanie Roberts) on Mar. 23. She joins: Ryan, 5; Robert, 4; and Lauren, 2.

A son, James, IV, to Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Harden, III, (Stephanie Coburn) of Lilburn, Ga., on May 13.

A son, James Hollis, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Golden, DDS, (Debra Bounds '82) of Conyers, Ga., on Aug. 12.

A son, Andrew Philip, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Owens, Jr., of Lexington, S.C., on April 6.

A son, Joshua, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Durrance (Anne Waters '81) of Acworth, Ga., on Aug. 19. He joins brothers Benjamin, 2, and Jacob, 1.

1981

Alice Peebles is senior art director at Weaver Miller Martin, Inc., a Birmingham advertising agency.

John (Chris) Murphy works for the Secret Service in Philadelphia. He lives in Mt. Holly, N.J., with his wife, **Nancy Buckelew** '78.

Janet Jackson Bishop teaches Spanish at Pelham High in Shelby County and lives

in Helena with her husband, Ronald, and daughter Christina, 1.

Lisa Baker Hawthorne of Birmingham is a library and media specialist at Pittman Junior High in Hueytown.

Ginger Beshears Kogelschatz works for Forest Investment Associates in Atlanta, handling investment analysis and administrative projects. She lives in Stone Mountain, Ga., with her husband, **Edgar Kogelschatz** '84.

Jonathan Lloyd Schaeffer, DVM, is a senior research scientist with Embrex, Inc., at Research Triangle Park and lives in Raleigh, N.C.

W. Tim Alexander is a pharmacist at The Prescription Shop in Carrollton, where he lives with his wife, Teresa, and children Neel, 5, and Jan, 3.

Michael Price is a contract manager for EDS. His wife, **Beth Bancroft** '82, is a software analyst for Intergraph. They live in Springfield, Va.

MARRIED: Elizabeth M. Fitzgerald to William D. Abernethy on Aug. 6. They live in New Orleans.

Pamela Russell to **Ronald B. Allgood** on March 26. They live in Panama City, Fla., where Ronald is an electrical engineer for the Naval Coastal Systems Center.

BORN: A daughter, Kendra Allyce, to Mr. and Mrs. **Kenneth Day** of Daphne on Aug. 15. Kenneth is park manager for the Army Corps of Engineers in Mobile.

A daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. **M. Brad Nunn (Regina McCormick '82)** of Clarksville, Tenn., on Feb. 7. Brad is a psychologist at Harriett Cohn Mental Health Center and Regina is a teacher.

A son, Matthew Louis, to Mr. and Mrs. James A. Deweese (Debra Connor) of Sunrise, Fla., on Jan. 15. Debra works for the Postal Service in Dania, Fla.

A daughter, Kelly Elizabeth, to Capt. and Mrs. **Edward R. Schowalter, III**, of Fort Benning, Ga., on June 8. Edward is the officer in charge of the base pharmacy.

A daughter, Hope Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. **Michael J. Tourville (Amy Weaver '82)** of Madison on Aug. 1. She joins sister Sara Elizabeth, 2. Michael is an electrical engineer with Penta Star in Huntsville.

A son, James Stanley, to Mr. and Mrs. **Andrew V. Cebula** of Arlington, Va., on Feb. 6.

A son, Benjamin Paul, to Mr. and Mrs. **David Estes** of Somerville on May 13. He joins brother Jacob, 3, and sister Amie, 1.

A son, William James, to Mr. and Mrs. **James A. Sinor, Jr. (Donna Allie)** of



OFFICERS—The South Georgia/North Florida Auburn Club officers pose in Valdosta, Ga., at their August meeting. Left to right are: Sue Baker Wills '78, secretary; W. David McCracken '72, president; James W. Heptinstall '68, past president; and Charles B. Phillips '50, treasurer.

—Photo by Sheila Eckman

Enterprise on July 27. He joins brother Wesley, 3. Jim is the plant engineer for Pridecraft Enterprises.

A daughter, Sarah Chase, to Mr. and Mrs. **James A. Kee, Jr.**, on July 27. James is an attorney with Spain, Gillon, Tate, Grooms, & Blain in Birmingham.

A son, Matthew Kenneth, to Mr. and Mrs. **Stephen Lee Brewer** of Aurora, Ill., on May 6. He joins brother Derek, 4. Stephen was recently promoted to territory manager for Quaker Oats Co. in Chicago.

1982

Raymond J. Harbert of Birmingham is president of Harbert Properties, Inc., and serves on Harbert's Board of Directors. He and his wife, **Kathryn Dunn '81**, have two children, Raymond and Mary Kathryn.

Hollie Tapley of Nashville, Ga., is the district youth coordinator for the Valdosta district of the South Georgia Methodist Conference.

Gregg W. Spivey recently joined First National Corporation of Alexander City as assistant corporate controller.

MARRIED: **Vera H. Smith** to **I. Ripon Britton, Jr.** They live in Birmingham, where Rip is an attorney with London, Yancey & Elliott and Vera is in the finance department of Salcris Systems.

Mary Eve Patton to **Matthew Z. Hammond** on Aug. 20.

Melinda G. Kelly to **Keith N. Davis '84** on June 25. They live in Auburn.

BORN: A son, Matthew Curry, to Mr. and Mrs. **Mark Curry Wilson** of Tallahassee, Fla., on April 28.

A son, Samuel Timothy, to Mr. and Mrs. **Henry H. Armstrong, III, (Leigh Anne Chambliss '84)** of Atlanta on Aug. 18. Henry is an assistant vice president with Fulton Federal Savings and Loan, and Leigh Anne is a reading specialist with the DeKalb County Schools.

A son, Shelby Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. **Michael A. Kelso (Lynnette Shankles)** of Columbus, Ga., on Feb. 10. Lynnette works in the pathology laboratory at Ft. Benning's Martin Army Community Hospital.

1983

Sylvia Marie Layman works for Piper Archaeological Consultants in St. Petersburg, Fla., and is completing a master's in public archaeology at the University of South Florida.

Leslie Bulleit Daniels of Largo, Fla., is a citizen's dispute counselor.

Thomas A. Dickerson is marketing director and national sales manager for Air Continental, Inc., in Norwalk, Ohio.

Lawrence (Chip) James Murphy, II, coaches football at Warren Central High in Indianapolis, where he and his wife, **Ellen Elmore '84**, live.

Celeste Sharpe Guillot is a registered dietitian at St. Joseph's Hospital in Savannah, Ga.

Russell Lee Carbine is vice president of Construction Associates, Inc., in Nashville. He lives in Franklin, Tenn., with his wife, **Anna Calhoun**, a registered nurse at Vanderbilt University Hospital.

Dianna Cates Lampert is a NASA space shuttle engineer at Kennedy Space Center. She and her husband, Daryl, live in Melbourne, Fla., with daughters Heather, 4, and Amanda, 3.

Debbie Barton Bartholomew is a technical educator for Lomas & Nettleton Financial Group in Dallas. She lives in Cedar Hill, Tex., with her husband, **Charles Bartholomew '84**, a sales engineer for American Ductile Iron Pipe Co.

Robert G. Forbus, Jr., of Montgomery recently received honors at the annual Southern Public Relations Federation meeting in Jackson, Miss. He works in the public information office at Alabama State University.

Rosemary Varnell Snukis is social director of the Officers Club at Fort Benning. She lives in Columbus, Ga., with her husband, Thomas.

Stanley K. Diffie is a research technician

for the University of Georgia. He lives in Tifton, Ga., with his wife, Laurien.

Teresa Moody Golden is a systems engineer for EER Systems Corp. in Huntsville. She lives in Lacey's Spring with her husband, **Harry E. Golden '84**, a manufacturing engineer for Martin Marietta.

MARRIED: **Julia Alison Smith** to **William Lee Stutts '82** on June 25. They live in Kingston, N.Y.

Paige Renee Steelman to **Peter John Earle Grose** on May 28. They live in Birmingham.

Judith Evelyn Rogers to **Wayne Martin Westerhouse** on July 23. He is an electrical engineer for the Army in Huntsville.

BORN: A son, William Brandon, to Mr. and Mrs. **William R. King (Conitha Hoggland)** of Montgomery on Dec. 7, 1987.

A daughter, Katharine Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. **Andrew B. De Van** of Omaha, Neb., on June 3. Andrew is a food inspector for the USDA.

A son, Matthew James, to Capt. and Mrs. **J. Mark McVay (Marcia Hawk '80)** of Biloxi, Miss., on Jan. 4. He joins sister Sarah Elizabeth, 2. Mark works at Keesler AFB, Miss.

1984

Lynda Gayle Whitt recently graduated from Emory University School of Law and is an associate with Simmons and Toliver in Atlanta. She practices civil litigation, specializing in drug product liability.

Carrie A. Branch of Tallahassee, Fla., is an auditor and regulatory analyst for the Florida Public Service Commission.

Rhonda Elaine Hoggle is a CPA at Wilbourne Stinson & Oaks in Selma.

Emily J. Logan of Meridianville is a social worker for the Department of Human Resources in Huntsville.

Candice L. Edwards of Nashville attends graduate school at Vanderbilt University, studying special education.

Joseph G. (Jody) Stewart, Jr., recently graduated from Cumberland Law School. He lives in Atlanta.

1/Lt. Hugh C. Smith recently reported for duty at the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma, Ariz.

MARRIED: **Ann McCamy** to **Larry T. Johnson** on May 21. They live in Bartlesville, Okla.

Carolyn Jones to **Terry E. Thames, III**, '81 on Feb. 14. They live in St. Petersburg, Fla. Carolyn is a marketing representative for Dun & Bradstreet Plan Services in Tampa and Terry is an electrical engineer for Hercules Defense Electronic Systems, Inc., in Clearwater.

BORN: A daughter, Laura Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. **Terry D. West** of Huntsville on Dec. 23, 1987. Terry is branch manager for Jefferson Federal Savings & Loan in Athens.

A son, Stephen Christopher, to Mr. and Mrs. **Kenneth A. Addy** of Enterprise on



SAN ANTONIO—Capt. Eldridge L. Frazier '81 and his wife, Audry, gathered with others recently for a happy meeting of the Lone Star Auburn Club in San Antonio, Tex.

—Photo by Sheila Eckman

March 8. Kenneth is a pharmacist with Enterprise Hospital.

1985

Benjamin C. Nichols, Jr., has been named associate industrial engineer for methods and measurements at WestPoint Pepperell's Langdale Mill. He lives in Valley.

Ens. Norman D. Stiegler recently graduated from Naval Officer Candidate School.

Sharon Elizabeth Collister has been promoted to unit manager for Procter and Gamble. She lives in Ponte Vedre, Fla.

Elizabeth A. Winter attends graduate school at the University of Texas at Arlington. She is supervisor of support personnel at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

1/Lt. Michael K. Lennon recently

reported for duty with the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Perrie Renfro Shelton is an interior designer with Perrie's Design Concepts in Birmingham, where she lives with her husband, **Roy L. Shelton, III, '83**.

Robert A. Cole attends the Owen Graduate School of Management. He and his wife, Angela, live in Nashville.

Terri Hassell Howard works for the family ministry staff of Campus Crusade for Christ. She and her husband, William, live in Little Rock, Ark.

Roy A. Holland is an estimator and project manager for Nearen Construction in Cullman. He lives in Vinemont with his wife, June.

Kevin Stewart has been named branch manager for the First Union National Bank of Florida in Indian Harbour Beach, Fla.

Daniel L. Phillips is enrolled in the University of Virginia's MBA program.

Ens. William F. Reich, IV, recently graduated from Naval officer candidate school.

Thomas W. Houston is a salesman for the Apex Supply Co.'s computer sales department in Atlanta. He attends graduate school at Georgia State.

Terry L. Barrett, DDS, practices in Prattville.

Robert C. Howell works for Hofstadter & Wood as a project manager. He and his wife, Teresa, live in Macon, Ga.

Angela Smith Frame is a lab supervisor for MidSouth Testing in Decatur, where she lives with her husband, Tracy.

MARRIED: **Melissa E. Cathcart** to **Gregory P. Thurlow** on June 4. He is an electrical engineer for Plantation Pipeline and they live in Norcross, Ga.

Frances Ann D'Amico '87 to **Paul J. Spina, III**, on Aug. 27. He is an attorney with Hartman, Fawal, & Spina and she is a pharmacist with Big B. They live in Birmingham.

Janis Marie Tatom to **Kenneth L. Tolar** on May 28. They live in Monroe, La.

Elaine Kattos to **Anthony K. Pollard** on June 11.



"HOT" LANTA—The June meeting of the Atlanta Auburn Club attracted many Auburn graduates and supporters, including, left to right: S. Marty Yates '80, president; Edward P. Hudson '82; and Milton M. (Biff) Woodruff '82.

—Photo by Sheila Eckman



BUSINESS ALUMS—The College of Business got a visit recently from executives at Arthur Andersen & Co. Mary Parker '83, a manager at the company, and Lee Stovall '67, a partner, were on campus to lecture to business students.
—Photo by Mike Jernigan



WRECK WHO?—Although the traditional "Wreck Tech" parade came to an end this year as a result of Georgia Tech dropping the Tigers from their football schedule, Auburn students held a pajama parade anyway prior to the LSU game. The annual rite of fall is scheduled to continue, though the opponents will vary in the future, thus the new name—"Wreck Who?"
—Photo by Mike Jernigan

Sandra Elen Bartlett to **Sherrill W. White, III**, '87 on June 25. She teaches in Broward County, Fla., and he works for McGee-Widdon. They live in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Katherine Dobson Norton to **William W. Granberry, II**, on Sept. 3. She works for the Bradford Group in Birmingham.

Kimberly Ann Yates to **Brent E. Montgomery** on Sept. 4.

Sharon Scruggs '87 to **Steven M. Cox**. They live in Homewood.

BORN: A son, Patrick Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. **Michael A. Johnson** of Albany, Ga., on Jan. 5. Michael is a project manager with Saunders Associates, Architects.

1986

Kimberly Judkins McKinney is an information systems analyst for Centra Health, Inc., in Lynchburg, Va. Her husband, **Kevin McKinney** '85, is an employee benefits representative with Aetna Life & Casualty.

Lt. jg. **Charles P. Robinson** recently participated in a West African training cruise aboard the USS Sumter, which is stationed in Norfolk, Va.

Tracy A. Cole received a master's in agronomy from Auburn in June. He works for the USDA Soil Conservation Service as a soil scientist. He lives in Jacksonville with his wife, Mary.

2/Lt. **William W. Moore** of Minot, N.D., is a missile launch officer in the Air Force.

Janet Williams Lindfors lives in Daytona Beach, Fla., with her husband, Eric.

Sarah Sabot Buie works for Rockwell Shuttle Operations as an aerospace engineer. She and her husband, Kevin, live in League City, Tex.

Gayla Ariail Payne teaches remedial reading in Savannah-Chatham County (Ga.), and her husband, **Robert Payne** '85, works for the First Bank of Savannah as a commercial officer and assistant banking center manager. They live in Savannah, Ga.

James S. Hutto, III, of Los Altos, Calif., works for Analog Design Tools.

Pamela Gilmore Haddock is an engineering programmer for Southern Company Services. Her husband, **Wade Haddock** '85, is a programmer and analyst for Southern Company Services. They live in Marietta, Ga.

Cynthia Jane Burt is enrolled in the MBA program at UCLA.

Katherine Lehner Taulbee is an account executive with Lipphardt Advertising. She lives in Tampa, Fla., with her husband, William.

Robert B. Lund received a master's degree in probability and statistics from Auburn in June. He works for TRW as a mathematician and statistician and lives in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Siglinde Loper works for Cable News Network in Atlanta as director of trafficking.

Sheri Ann Underwood of Alpharetta, Ga., is assistant marketing director for the Sports Rock Cafe in Atlanta.

MARRIED: **Leah Elias** to **James L. Cook, Jr.**, on Mar. 26. He is an electrical engineer with SAIC in Huntsville and she is an electrical engineer with MSIC. They live in Madison.

Judith Lee McCutchin to **Robert M. Miller, Jr.**, '85 on May 21. She is a graduate research assistant in computer science at Auburn and he is a systems engineer for EPOS Corp. They live in Auburn.

Holly Kesmodel to **Randall Brant** on May 28. They live in Houston, Tex.

LaVonda D. Smith to **Frank (Hank) Summerford** on June 11. They live in Auburn.

Mona Renee Burks to **Andre F. Howard** on June 4. They live in Montgomery.

Mayme Kathleen Dubberley to **Daniel L. Gladman** on Sept. 24.

BORN: A son, Jordan Brett, to Mr. and Mrs. **Gregory Tarver** '83 (**Lea Weston**) on May 9. Greg is a superintendent for WestPoint Pepperell and they live in Auburn.

1987

Debra Hobson Fesmire teaches fourth grade at Imperial Estates Elementary in Titusville, Fla., where she lives with her husband, **James Fesmire**, a NASA engineer at Kennedy Space Center.

Mary Kathryn McLeMore Nix works for IBM in Atlanta as a programmer. She and her husband, **Gary Nix**, live in Dunwoody, Ga.

J. Kelvin Terry works for Surroundings, Inc., a landscape architecture company in Birmingham. He is also an associate member of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

A. Laurie Crook of St. Petersburg, Fla., is a technical sales representative for Liquid Air.

Cynthia Renea West works for General

Electric as a process engineer and lives in St. Petersburg, Fla.

2/Lt. **Robert S. Gordon** recently reported for Naval duty with the 2nd Force Service Support Group at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Stephen W. Lanier is an electrical engineer with Rust International in Birmingham.

Todd M. Fuller of Birmingham works for Rust International as a control systems engineer.

Dennis G. Dease, Jr., works for Jim Walter Papers as a sales representative. He lives in Birmingham with his wife, Kimberly.

Paige Heard attends Dallas Theological Seminary in the biblical studies graduate program.

Charles H. Bradford is a procurement forester for Hamilton Timber Co. in Nanafalia. His wife, **Renee Laginess**, works for Mason & Gardener as a staff accountant. They live in Demopolis.

2/Lt. **William S. Budd** recently reported for duty with the 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Robert Roy, DVM, works for the University of Minnesota as a surgical researcher. He and his wife, Karen, live in Moundsview, Minn., with their son, Travis.

MARRIED: **Cale Maureen Crawford** to **Charles J. Ebert, III**, '86 on June 11. They live in Foley.

Lori Stovall to **Chris LaPlatney** '88 on March 26. He is a Naval ensign attending nuclear power school. They live in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Patricia Ann Phillips to **Mark Knipfner** on June 11. They live in Albertville.

Michelle Jacobson to **Sidney Browning** on Sept. 10. He works for Nationwide Realtors and she works for Bell South Services. They live in Birmingham.

Stacy Elizabeth Smith '86 to **Gary L. Hudson** on Sept. 3. He is a marketing representative for The Travelers and she is a bookkeeper for Southern Medical Association. They live in Birmingham.

Jennifer Lyn Robinson to **H. Lewis Curry, Jr.**, on June 25. They live in Loachapoka.



WIENERS ANYONE?—A recent Butler County Auburn Club meeting in Greenville cooked up a good time for all, as did Paul Schrantz '74, who was charged with grilling the hot dogs.
—Photo by Sheila Eckman

Leigh Loller to Mark Henry '85 on Aug. 20. They live in San Diego, Calif.

Elaine M. Perry to John G. Dickson on July 16. She works for General Digital Industries in Huntsville.

Kathryn (Kay) Warman to George M. Bugg, II, on Aug. 6. She teaches math at Spencer High in Columbus, Ga.

Martha T. Jones to Kevin L. Lofly on Aug. 20. She is an illustrator and magazine layout artist for *Bass Angler Magazine*.

BORN: A son, Bradley Houston, to Mr. and Mrs. **Doug Sanders (Dainie Simpkins '86)** of Eufaula on June 21.

A daughter, Whitney Denise, to Mr. and Mrs. **Terry Walker** of Baileyton on April 18. He is a salesman at Walker Builders, Inc.

1988

Carol Kimberly Nelson works for Tennessee Eastman as a mechanical engineer and lives in Kingsport, Tenn.

Jay C. Harvard is a salesman with C&W Food Service. He and his wife, Susan, live in Thomasville, Ga., with their daughter, Bailey Catherine, 1.

Scott Porter works for Stran Buildings in LaGrange, Ga., as a quality assurance technician.

Lisa Bosarge Horn teaches seventh- and eighth-grade math in Wetumpka. She and her husband, **Craig Horn '87**, live in Auburn.

Ronald A. Burgess of Boaz is a management analyst for Teledyne Brown Engineering.

Sharon Denise Cooper is a registered nurse at East Alabama Medical Center and lives in Auburn.

Christine Mary Gammer works for Bell South Advanced Systems in Birmingham as a collections representative.

Molly Claire Floeck teaches fifth grade at Suder Elementary in Jonesboro, Ga.

B. Scott Snellgrove of LaGrange, Ga., is a horticulturist with LaGrange Landscape, Inc.

Michael D. Brown works for Beverage Warehouse in Atlanta as an assistant manager.

Ens. **John R. Chaney** is a Naval intelligence officer and lives in Virginia Beach, Va.

Mary Beth Eckerlein attends graduate school in therapeutic recreation at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla.

Bradford M. Wilson works for Du Pont as a chemical engineer and lives in North Augusta, S.C.

E. Dabney Johnston of Cordova, Tenn., is a pharmacist with Walgreens in Memphis.

David B. Sturdivant works for Deloitte, Haskins & Sells in Birmingham as a staff accountant.

Jennifer Lynn Kear teaches eighth-grade science in College Park, Ga. She lives in Lake City, Ga.

Marcia Louisa Alvarado is a reporter for the *Maryland Coast Dispatch* and lives in Ocean City, Md.

Cynthia Mae Carpenter works for Kroger's in Huntsville as a pharmacist.

Russell D. Carreker attends graduate school at Georgia State.

Patty Kitchens Higgins and her husband, Richard, live in Rio Rancho, N.M.

James D. Williams is interning at Baptist Medical Center Montclair in Birmingham.

Julie Ann Smith works for Hansen Lind Meyer as an intern architect and lives in Winter Park, Fla.

Emily Ann Spaulding teaches physical education and coaches in LaGrange (Ga.) City Schools.

2/Lt. **Daniel P. Coombes** is stationed in Quantico, Va.

Susan E. Stover of St. Petersburg, Fla., is a speech therapist for Bayfront Medical Center.

Hjalmar B. Enger works for McWhorter & Co., Inc., in Anniston as a project manager.

G. Frank Minor teaches freshman English at the University of Mississippi.

Phillip R. Williamson is a nuclear engineer with Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Va.

Matthew C. Gerdes, DVM, works for John S. Dearing, DVM, in Abilene, Tex., as an associate veterinarian.



"FITE"ERS FOR AUBURN—The Fite family gathered for a photo at an August meeting of the Morgan County Auburn Club, Auburn supporters in the truest sense, they are, left to right: Dan Fite '88, Jack Fite '85, Laura Horton Fite '86, Pat Fite '79, Jane Woodliss Fite '79, Bob Fite '73, and Sherry Sellers Fite '75.

David G. Hughes, Ph.D., is a research associate for the Auburn Department of Fisheries. He lives in Auburn with his wife, Martha, and their children, Saida, 13, and Sue-Yin, 13.

Elizabeth Rebecca Wear of Huntsville is a junior logistics tactical analyst with SRS Technologies.

Sue Anne Cave is an assistant manager with Foxmoor in Northglenn, Colo.

Michelle Tetro works for WestPoint Pepperell as a manufacturing manager and lives in Auburn.

Eric M. Kennedy attends graduate school at Auburn.

Greg S. Douglas of Titusville, Fla., is an associate engineer with Lockheed Space Operations Company at Kennedy Space Center.

Thomas H. Rasmussen works for Burke Co. in Jacksonville, Fla., as an inside sales representative.

J. Mark Daniel attends law school at the University of South Carolina. He lives in Columbia, S.C., with his wife, Rhonda.

William H. Klepac is a geotechnical engineer with Law Engineering, Inc., in Birmingham and lives in Hoover.

James (Jay) R. Lawrence, M.Ed., teaches agriculture at Buckhorn High in Huntsville, where he and his wife, Vicki, live.

Hal O. Finney works for First Union National Bank as a consumer banker associate. He lives in Charlotte, N.C.

Carol Lea Colton of Dallas is an engineer with Texas Instruments.

Ru-Liang Shih is an assistant researcher for the Development Center for Biotechnology in Taipei, Taiwan.

Vanessa Usher attends graduate school at UAB.

Clinton S. Nall works for AT&T Network Systems as an information systems development staff member. He lives in Duluth, Ga.

Jonathan C. Phillips of Titusville, Fla., is an associate engineer with Lockheed Space Operations. His wife, Connie, is an Auburn student.

Kelly Lane Gaddy is a systems programming consultant with Arthur Andersen in Atlanta and lives in Smyrna, Ga.

Joel A. Johnson works for Jack Eckerd Corp. in Birmingham as a pharmacy intern.

Richard K. Vance, DVM, of Horse Cove, Ky., is an associate with Countryside Veterinary Service in Glasgow, Ky.

Maureen Elizabeth Kelleher of Atlanta works for Northside Hospital as a staff nurse.

Laura Chertok Akridge is a nurse at Fairfax Hospital. She lives in Centerville, Va., with her husband, Michael.

Julia Spillman Sellers attends graduate school at Memphis State. She and her husband, **Kelly Sellers '87**, live in Memphis, Tenn.

Brian P. Street works for Bell South as an accountant and lives in Chamblee, Ga.

Catherine Lee Jahncke attends graduate school in physics at North Carolina State.

J. William Turner, III, of Dunwoody, Ga., is a project manager and estimator with Barton-Malow Thatcher in Atlanta. His wife, Emily, is a student at Auburn.

Joy Alyce Cook teaches Spanish in LaGrange, Ga.

Kelly Anne Patterson is a leasing consultant for Post Properties in Atlanta and lives in Smyrna, Ga.

John B. Wylie of Atlanta is a loan counselor for C&S National Bank.

Diana Michelle Loucks attends Loyola Law School in New Orleans.

Tracey Eiland Touchton works for Martin Marietta as an associate propulsion analysis engineer. She and her husband, James, live in Huntsville.

Theresa Lynn Norris is activities director at Wesley Terrace Retirement Home in Auburn.

Harold Melton has been selected as the national student advisor for Mortar Board. He attends graduate school at the University of Georgia.

Fred S. Stucky, III, attends UAB Medical School and lives in Homewood.

James C. Bittner works for The Travelers Corp. as a financial services specialist and lives in Louisville, Ky.

Laura Mary Smith is a staff nurse at East Alabama Medical Center and lives in Opelika.

Kimberly Beth Nasti attends graduate school in veterinary pathobiology at Auburn.

Gary W. Grant of Melbourne, Fla., is a mechanical engineer with Rockwell International.

Andrew W. Anthony works for Oppenheimer & Co. in Atlanta as a stock broker trainee. He lives in Dallas, Ga.

Jonathan E. Davis is an accountant for Selig Chemical in Atlanta and lives in Norcross, Ga.

Paula Jean Blair, DVM, of Oxford is an associate with Anniston Veterinary Hospital.

Jennifer Anne Batchelor works for Avco Financial Services as an account representative and lives in Auburn.

Susan Schlinke Webb teaches second grade at Camey Elementary in The Colony, Tex. She and her husband, Paul, live in Irving, Tex.

Todd L. Nicholson is an engineer with Boeing in Huntsville and lives in Madison.

J. Rand Hayes, II, works for Mobile Infirmary Medical Center as a pharmacist.

Colleen Rachel Olszowy attends law school at Columbia University and lives in Rochester, N.Y.

Christine Marie Cole of Perdido Beach works for Baldwin County Federal as a credit analyst.

Michael B. Nelson is a project controls engineer for Harbert International in Birmingham.

Roger E. Harris works for Booth Research, Inc., in Atlanta as a project manager.

John D. Sims is a pharmacist for Big B Drugs in Huntsville.

William S. Chappell is a cost estimator for Ed Taylor Construction Co. in Tucker, Ga.

Elizabeth (Betsy) M. Osterling attends graduate school at the University of Georgia.

Heather Jane Barton works for Farris, Warfield & Kanaday in Nashville.

Patrick C. Slay of Raleigh, N.C., is an industrial engineer for IBM.

Julia M. Mostellar is an executive assistant with Rountree Simmons in Mobile.

Karen Potter Palmer works for Talley Automotive Products as a manufacturing engineering technician.

Judy R. Wesson of Birmingham is a cosmetic counter manager for Parisian.

Marlon J. Hethcoat teaches in Scottsboro.

Joey C. Hayes is a computer engineer for Pratt and Whitney and lives in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Joseph J. Clifford works for First American Bank in Nashville as a teller and lives in Brentwood, Tenn.

Kimberly Faye Tidmore of Meridian, Miss., is an accounting associate for James River Corp.

Robert J. Royston attends law school at the University of Alabama. He and his wife, **Wendy Grigsby '87**, live in Tuscaloosa.

William B. Drinkwine works for Quandt-Ayre Enterprises as an assistant superintendent of golf course maintenance. He and his wife, Mary Anne, live in Coconut Creek, Fla.

Bryan M. Pollard is a process engineer for Digital Equipment Corp. in Hudson, Mass. He lives in Waltham, Mass., with his wife, **Melanie Johnston '87**.

Dennis M. Grantham is a design engineer with Litton Von Gal Palletizers in Montgomery, where he lives with his wife, Rita.

Kelly Leigh Cannon teaches English and sponsors the newspaper at Vincent High. She lives in Birmingham.

Joy Frances Lollar works for Ernst &



HUMAN SCIENCES—Human Sciences Dean June Henton, right, welcomes two recent visitors to her school. John M. Rampey, Jr., vice president and director of Management Development for Milliken & Co., spoke to students and faculty for the Mildred Brown Davis Lecture. Also recognized at the program was Jeanne Priester '58, left, national program leader with the Department of the Agriculture Extension Service, as 1988 Alumna of the Year from the school.

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Whinney in Columbus, Ga., as a staff accountant.

Shannon Rhea Kown is a soil conservationist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Dothan.

Robert N. Dean, Jr., of Auburn is an associate engineer for CONTEL in Tallahassee.

Cynthia Bush Brooks attends graduate school at Auburn. She and her husband, Donnie, have a daughter, Elizabeth Anne.

Robin LeeAnn Nickell is a staff accountant for McGriff, Dowdy & Associates in Huntsville.

George W. Perigo works for Gold Kist Poultry as an operations analyst in Trussville.

Patrick J. Grider of Houston is an engineer for Rockwell International.

David A. Higginbotham attends graduate school at the University of Georgia. He and his wife, Judy, live in Athens, Ga.

Bobby G. McCullough, Ph.D., is an assistant professor at Purdue. He lives in West Lafayette, Ind., with his wife, Diane, and their children, Taylor, 9, and David, 3.

Scott R. Pechman works for First Investors as a registered representative and lives in Atlanta.

David W. Barnes of Mobile is a pharmacist at the University of South Alabama Medical Center.

Steven K. Herndon attends graduate school at Auburn.

J. Donald Vice, Jr., DVM, is an equine intern at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Kimberly King Street works for Jackson Thornton & Co. as a staff accountant. She and her husband, Joe, live in Montgomery.

Jennifer Kelly of Auburn is vocalist with the Jeff Golden Band.

John E. Lee, III, attends James Madison University and lives in Birmingham.

Margaret Kay Seay works for Flowers Hospital in Dothan as a pharmacist.

Terrie S. Schofield is a research associate at Auburn.

Elizabeth Anne Murray of Jacksonville, Fla., works for Enterprise Leasing as a manager trainee.

Timothy J. Klages teaches marketing in Eufaula.

Robert A. Stoutz manages Wendy's in Rochester, N.Y. He and his wife, Beth Wrede, DVM, live in Victor, N.Y.

Hillard E. Whitlock, III, is an internal auditor for Colonial Bank in Montgomery.

Kristin K. Bury of Gainesville, Fla., is an associate engineer for ESE.

Kirk P. Pressley works for U.S. Pipe as a cost accountant.

Charles C. Coxwell attends graduate school at the University of Colorado.

Jason B. Byrd is a maintenance engineer with Vulcan Materials and lives in Baton Rouge, La.

Travis F. Smith works for Richard B. Winchester, Inc., as an estimator and project manager. He lives in Tallahassee, Fla.

Kelley Elizabeth West of Pensacola, Fla., is a staff nurse for West Florida Medical Center.

Janet Barbara Holder attends medical school at the University of Florida.

G. Hal Guthrie is a staff accountant for Burton, Canaday, & Moore in Birmingham and lives in Trussville.

Carol Covey Goodwyn works for Baptist Hospital in Nashville as a registered nurse.

Katherine R. Qualls manages Worth's in Auburn.

Woomi Chase of Birmingham is a management intern for Federal Reserve Bank.

Gregory S. Hartley attends graduate school at AUM. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Greenville.

Janna DeFee Klages is a speech therapist for the Screven County Board of Education. She lives in Sylvania, Ga., with her husband, Daniel Klages '85.

Mitzi Moore works for Gulf Power as an associate engineer and lives in Pensacola, Fla.

Susan Marie Lovett of Montgomery is a management trainee with Parisian.

T. Brad McCarver attends graduate school at Auburn.

Michael S. Reid is a systems engineer with Pratt & Whitney and lives in North Palm Beach, Fla.

Melanie Dawn Boatwright works for a tax service as an agency relations specialist in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Rhonda Renee Steadham of Mobile is a marketing consultant for WAVH-FM.

Luanne Ward teaches fourth grade at Folkston (Ga.) Middle School and lives in Hilliard, Fla.

William J. Cox is a pharmacist at Cox Drug Store. He and his wife, April, live in Mobile with their two children, Carrie Leigh, 3, and William John, 1.

Jeffery S. Britnell works for Alabama Electric in Andalusia as an applications engineer.

Robyn Elaine Miller of Lexington, Ky., is a data analyst for Clark Equipment.

Randall Armes Sanderson teaches physical education at Washington High and coaches the county diving team in Pensacola, Fla., where he lives with his wife, Rebecca Lee.

Wendy Brown Hayes works for Riverside Medical Center as a registered nurse. She and her husband, Danny, live in Jackson.

Kimberly Lynn Collins, DVM, works for University Boulevard Animal Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla.

David G. Holcomb attends graduate school at Auburn.

Scott D. Sexton works for Du Pont as a shift supervisor engineer in Aiken, S.C., and lives in Augusta, Ga.

Phillip V. Mitchell, DVM, is an associate at the Murfreesboro (Tenn.) Animal Clinic.

Wayne M. Cease owns Business Technology in Harrison, Tenn.

Laura Ann Fulford works for Anacapa Sciences at Fort Rucker as a computer scientist.

R. Allen Dedels is an architectural intern for Thompson, Ventulett, Stainback & Associates in Atlanta.

Katrina Anise Hartmann of Charlotte, N.C., is a sales representative for Honeywell.

Anna Paulette Tomlinson will be attending the University of New England in Armidale, Australia, in early 1989 on a Rotary International scholarship.

David C. Krause is an engineer for Exxon Chemical Co. He lives in Houston.

Michael B. Barrett works for Sonoco Products Co. in Cincinnati as a production supervisor. He and his wife, Kelli Chavers, live in Fairfield, Ohio.

Gilmer G. Turner of Montgomery is an accounts manager for Rent-A-Center.

Richard A. Popple is a graduate student at Rice University in Houston.

Wendy Sue Wilson is a staff auditor for Deloitte Haskins & Sells in Atlanta and lives in Marietta, Ga.

James M. Leach works for Southland Concessions in Pelham as vice president of catering.

James T. Middendorf, Jr., DVM, of Columbus, Ga., works at the Animal Emergency Center.

James F. Bradfield operates Bradfield Construction Co. in LaGrange, Ga.

Joy Henrietta Speights is a registered staff nurse at Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Atlanta and lives in Smyrna, Ga.

Salter Leo Keeney works for J.W. Gant and Associates in Atlanta as an investment banker.

Michael E. Williamson of Altamonte Springs, Fla., is an estimator for Brice Building Co.

Scott C. Leeth attends medical school at UAB.

Susan Renae Osborn is a staff assistant for Congressman Ben Erdreich in Washington, D.C. She lives in Alexandria, Va.

Richard A. Mueller works for Chambless & Associates as an intern architect. He and his wife, Patti, live in Montgomery with their three children: Richie, Ryan, and Robbie.

Alan P. Hooley of Cocoa Beach, Fla., works for Boeing Co. as a staff property accountant.

Rhonda Ann Larkin attends graduate school at Auburn.

B. Boyd Wainwright, Jr., works as a feedlot manager in Prattville.

W. Tracy James is an account executive for Impact Direct Mail in Birmingham and lives in Vincent.

Michael G. Taylor of Bainbridge, Ga., is a forester for Livingston Resource Management.

Margaret Elaine Moore attends graduate school at Auburn.

Keith M. Bernstein is a construction services engineer for Florida Power and Light and lives in Plantation, Fla.

Guy F. Hill, Jr., works for Hill Aircraft in Atlanta as a marketing director. He lives in Smyrna, Ga.

Kim LeeAnn Kennedy of Birmingham works for Electric Controls & Service as an accounting assistant.

Mary Drue Johnson teaches third grade in Selma.

David J. Averbek, DVM, works for All Animal Clinic in Middleburg, Fla., and lives in Orange Park, Fla.

Stacey Eileen Rife is the coordinator of the rape crisis unit at Peace River Mental Health Center and lives in Lakeland, Fla.

Stephanie Joy Hofman of Tampa is an administrative assistant for Cushman & Wakefield.

James D. Packard attends graduate school at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C.

Yvonne E. Liddell, DVM, is an associate with Fox Run Equine Center in Apollo, Pa.

Keith D. Whitehead works for Fluor

Daniel in Perry, Ga., as a construction engineer.

Kim D. Graves of Norcross, Ga., is a placement specialist for Medstat, Inc.

Jenchou John Tseng, Ph.D., is doing postdoctorate work at the University of Texas. He and his wife, Yeh Mei, live in Arlington, Tex.

John J. Denale, II, DVM, works for Loudon Veterinary Services in Purcellville, Va. He and his wife, Karen, live in Manassas, Va.

Kelli Jennette Petty is a travel agent at All Points Travel Service in Brentwood, Tenn.

Philip K. Dummer works for Lusardi Construction in San Marcos, Calif., as a project engineer and lives in Vista, Calif.

S. Leigh Capps attends graduate school at Auburn.

Janey Nell Kelso, DVM, practices at Green River Animal Hospital in Bowling Green, Ky.

Kristin Leigh Viscasillas works for Kmart Apparel Corporation as an assistant apparel manager in Panama City, Fla. She lives in Callaway, Fla.

2/Lt. John P. Dooley, Jr., is stationed at Fort Sill, Okla.

Tracy Lynn Keck works as a lab technician at Auburn's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Lois Elaine Mastin is a pharmacist intern at the Mobile Infirmary Medical Center.

E. Wayne Ayer works at Robins Air Force Base as an aerospace engineer and lives in Macon, Ga.

Kelvin D. Wright of Detroit works for Chrysler Motors as a management trainee.

Elizabeth Hooper Anderson is a chemical engineer with Gulf States Paper Corp. She lives in Opelika with her husband, Walter.

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In Memoriam

Compiled by Nelda Griffin

Mr. Robert J. Owens '15
Mr. Lyman L. Peterson '21
Dr. Dewey Wilbanks '22
Mr. Lawrence E. Bell '25
Col. Clarence W. Doughty, Jr., '25
Mr. Bartlett H. Ford, Sr., '25
Mr. Reese C. Holston '25
Mrs. Nonnie Wood Heron '26
Mr. Culver J. DeLoach '29
Mr. John G. Greene '29
Miss Frances Trammell '29
Mr. Frank W. Applebee '30
Mr. L. J. Nix '30
Mr. Garza D. Roberts '30
Mr. Kirby E. Hughes '31
Mr. Joe E. Jenkins '32
Mr. John L. Watson '34
Mr. Arthur M. Ellenburg '35
Mr. Carl W. Stewart '35
Mr. Clopton Scott Athey '36
Mr. Frederick Feld '36
Mr. Roy Green Cole '38
Mr. George Hairston '38
Lt. Col. Benjamin C. McCary, Jr., '40
Mr. Alphonse N. Mitchell '41
Mr. Charles Theron Farrow '42
Mr. Cecil Crow '43
Mr. Harold Jacobs '43
Dr. Joseph T. Stearns '43
Mr. Hobert Lowell Vernon '43
Mr. Ray Golden '47
Mr. Basil T. McNeely '47
Mr. Ralph G. Hawkins '49
Mrs. Paula Woods Payte '50
Mr. T. Stanley Whorton, Jr., '50
Mr. John B. Estes '51
Mr. Roland R. Granger '51
Rev. Oliver Lee Parker '52
Mr. Marion T. Battiste '53
Mrs. Opal Johnson McKay '54
Mr. Norman J. Dreher '55
Mrs. Mary Ann Jordan Haynes '59
Mr. William Larry Smith '62
Mrs. Mary Taylor Marks '73
Mr. Robert Scott Arnold '79
Mr. Jeffrey Alan Herbanek '79
Mr. Jack Gordon Spears '81
Mr. William Karl Paxon '84

Alumni Association News

War Eagle Travelers Set Departures For 1989 Voyages

Sights ranging from the vanishing wildlife of the African veldt to the baroque palaces of the Tsars in the Soviet Union await participants in the 1989 War Eagle Travelers Program. Sponsored by the Alumni Association, the program has scheduled six tours for the coming year.

The initial tour will depart Atlanta for the wilds of Africa for a two-week safari through the numerous game preserves and national parks of Kenya March 4-19. Included are stays at some of the most famous game viewing sites in the world, including the famous Mountain Lodge Tree Hotel, where guests may watch from a balcony as numerous species of animals drink at a nearby water hole. Optional side tours of Nairobi and Karen Estates, home of *Out of Africa* author Isak Dinesen, are also offered.

The second alumni tour will follow the pathways of Tsar Peter the Great, revered by many as the father of modern Russia, through areas of the Soviet Union previously off-limits to westerners. During the June 6-19 trip, participants will spend three nights in Moscow, then travel by rail to Leningrad, where they will board the cruise ship M/S Kirov for a leisurely river trip through the Karelia region of northern Russia. The tour will return to Leningrad before concluding with a two-night stay in Berlin on the way back to the U.S.

Italy and the Swiss Alps will be the destination of the third alumni tour June 22-July 6, with stops scheduled in Rome, Florence, and Venice in Italy, and St. Moritz and Zurich in Switzerland. Sightseeing will be the main order of business in each city, and a five-night tour extension is available which includes extra time to travel to the cities of Lucerne and Lausanne, Switzerland.

Europe will again be the destination when the fourth alumni tour departs July 11-23, but this time the sights of Scandinavia will be the main attraction on the Gota Canal tour. Called Sweden's "blue ribbon," the Gota Canal links the Baltic Sea on the country's east side with the North Sea 375 miles to the west. Tour guests will sail the canal on the cruise vessel M/S Juno, visiting Stockholm, Gothenburg, and Linköping in Sweden, then fly to Norway for a visit to Oslo, the capital city situated at the head of the Oslofjord, home to some of the most beautiful natural scenery in Europe.

Tour five, the Nova Scotia and Maritime Canada trip Aug. 2-14, will visit destinations a little closer to home, but no less scenic and historic. Participants will begin their combination cruise ship/motor coach tour in Boston, then visit revolutionary war sites Lexington and Concord before boarding the M/S Scotia Prince for the overnight voyage to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. The trip will continue by bus to Halifax, Cape Breton and Prince Edward Islands, and St. John,

before returning through scenic Maine back to Boston.

The five-star liner Royal Viking Sky will sail from Nice, France, for nine Mediterranean ports of call Sept 3-16 to conclude the 1989 alumni tours. From Nice, the ship will sail the French Riviera before docking in Livorno (Florence) and Naples, Italy; Valletta, Malta; Crete; Santorini; Piraeus (Athens), Delos, and Mykonos, Greece; and Kusadasi and Istanbul, Turkey. All evenings will be spent aboard the luxurious Royal Viking Sky, making this trip even more attractive to those who don't like to unpack more than once.

Anyone interested in any of the 1989 tours or the War Eagle Travelers Program can receive additional information by writing to Pat Brackin, Auburn Alumni Association, 116 Foy Union Bldg., Auburn University, AL 36849, or calling (205) 826-4234.

Two New Members Join Alumni and Development Staff

George D. Freeman, associate director of development for the College of Engineering, and Kathryn Whatley Walton '76, assistant director for alumni programs, are the two newest staff members in the Office of Alumni and Development.

A native of Little Rock, Ark., George holds a bachelor's in social work from Harding University. Prior to joining the Alumni and Development staff, he served as director of college relations and development at Columbia Christian College in Portland, Ore. He and his wife, Julia, live in Auburn with their two children, Shelley and Ashley.

In his new position, George will work with the executive director of development and the dean of the College of Engineering to seek private support for engineering through contacts with individuals and corporations.



Kathryn Whatley Walton '76



CLUB OFFICERS—Auburn Alumni Club officers returned to campus September 24 for the Club Officers Reception, held prior to the Tennessee football game. Left to right, Row 1, are: Herb Shivers '75, Quad Cities; Gail Jones, Lanierland, Ga.; Kent Sullivan '73, Augusta, Ga.; Bonnie Lawler Stinson '74, Etowah County; and Lyles Griffin '76, Tallahassee, Fla. Row 2: Marian Foreman Moore '53, Madison County; Roy Diatkar '68, Smoky Mountain (Knoxville, Tenn.); and Fred Martin '55, Limestone County. Row 3: Ronnie Holladay '69, Lowndes County; David Jackson '82, St. Clair County; Tim Donohue '82, Lone Star (San Antonio, Tex.); and Dr. Don Wood '68, Suncoast (St. Petersburg, Fla.). Row 4: Tim Pierce, Crenshaw County; Dr. Danny Hood '70, Butler County; and Brenda Ivey, Jackson County. Row 5: Debra Kelley Hood '72, Butler County; Ralph Regan '83, Atlanta, Ga.; Linda Parker, New York; and Marty Yates '80, Atlanta.

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Kathryn is a resident of Opelika, where she serves as publicity chairman for the Opelika Arts Council. Prior to assuming her new position in the Alumni Office, she majored in English while at Auburn and was the visual merchandise manager for Parisian's Peachtree Mall store in Columbus, Ga.



George D. Freeman

As assistant director for alumni programs, Kathryn will be responsible for the Auburn Annual Giving program in addition to dues solicitations, phonathons, and other fund-raising promotions as well as the Auburn advisory councils. She and her husband, Jimmy, co-owner of Tiger Parts stores in Opelika and Auburn, have two children, Courtney and Katie Woods.

1988 Alumnaalities

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MARRIED: Rachael Osment '86 to Harris A. (Bret) Pippen, III, on Aug. 20. He attends graduate school at the University of Alabama and they live in Tuscaloosa.

Julia Ellen Harbison to Ken James '85 on July 30.

Margaret Darrah to Robert Smith '87 on June 25.

Susan Hardin to Page Gamble '87 on Aug. 6. She works for Alabama Power as a junior engineer and he attends Cumberland Law School. They live in Birmingham.

Elizabeth Ann Love to Rev. Norman Hewitt, Jr., on July 9. She works for MICOM and they live in Huntsville.

Kayron R. Spence to William A. Campbell, III, on Aug. 28. He works for Alfa Insurance as a claims representative.

Audrey Lee Watkins to Robert E. Murdaugh '87 on June 18.

Elizabeth A. Love to Norman Hewitt, Jr., on July 9.

Sports

Dean of Tigers' Coaching Staff, Blakeney '70 is Unsung Hero Of AU Offense

By Geoff LoCicero '89

Looking back at his days as an Auburn football player and his 12-year coaching career with his alma mater, Larry Blakeney has no regrets about the decision he made as an 18-year-old. A three-sport letterman at Gordo High School, Blakeney was recruited very lightly by the University of Alabama, only 20 miles from his home. So the choice came down to Auburn and Mississippi State, and Blakeney opted for the Tigers.

"I decided to stay in Alabama, in my state," Blakeney said. "I had the feeling I needed to stay at home. As far as what has transpired, I was right. Many opportunities have come to me since I've been at Auburn, afforded me by Auburn people. I didn't really have a great career, but I got a lot of playing time and learned a lot of football. I made a lot of friends and benefitted from being an Auburn athlete, student and person. I feel real good about having come here."

And Blakeney, the dean of the coaching staff, having been here since 1977, has committed himself to Auburn ever since. "I feel a responsibility to Coach Dye, to the program and to Auburn people," Blakeney said. "I don't know if that's any different from the responsibilities of the other coaches. Because I've been here so long, I get a lot of phone calls. They call and say 'you're the only one I know.' I get a lot of people hunting tickets because my name's been around here a while. But my greatest responsibility is to the players, Coach Dye, the staff, Auburn University, and Auburn people. The thing that satisfies me most is that these people have the program they deserve."

Blakeney has seen both the ups and downs of the Tigers' football program, having played under Ralph (Shug) Jordan and served as an assistant to Doug Barfield and now Dye. Blakeney started as a sophomore quarterback for Jordan, but Loran Carter replaced him midway through the eighth game of the 1966 season. Blakeney served as Carter's backup the following season, but switched to defense in 1968. He injured his shoulder in fall practice and sat out a redshirt year before returning for his final season in 1969 to play safety and return kicks. Although he said his was an undistinguished career, he added that he is known for one particular play.

"It was at Miami in 1967, and Loran was having an awful night," Blakeney said. "I came in and we ran an option on the corner. I faked to the fullback and pitched to the tailback. The Miami end crashed and caught the ball and



OFFENSIVE THINKER—Larry Blakeney '70 is the dean of the current Auburn coaching staff, having joined the Tigers as an assistant coach in 1977 after playing on both offense and defense under Coach Ralph (Shug) Jordan. Blakeney has quietly helped mold the Auburn offense into one of the best in the SEC while calling many of the Tigers' plays from his game-day position in the press box.
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scored a TD from 35 yards out. They beat us 7-0. I've carried that with me through the years. You've got to be known for something though. I did have a real fun career."

Blakeney has fond memories of Coach Jordan. "He was a great gentleman and a great coach," he said. "Everybody thought he was a real softy, but he was a guy that was tough and demanding on the field. He was always fair to me. When he met people, he made a lasting impression because that was the type gentleman he was. Anything positive I could carry over from a man who was in his position for as long as he was, I've benefitted from it. But you have to be yourself. You can't copy anybody's style."

Blakeney credits his little league coaches from Gordo with starting his interest in coaching. "I think my relationship with some people growing up during my crucial years of development—seventh or eighth grade—helped," he said. "It made me feel that I wanted to have the same relationship and help other kids. But when people

get to college, they think they want to make a lot of money. I thought that way, too. And I was advised against going into coaching."

So, he graduated in business administration and took a job with Scott Paper in Atlanta, thanks to an Auburn friend, Lee Griffith '63. "An Auburn person has helped me get every job I've ever had," Blakeney said. But he realized the job wasn't right for him. "It took me about three months to figure out that I didn't want to sell toilet paper," he said. In 1970, during a brief stint in the insurance business with his old high school coach, a friend recommended Blakeney for the head coaching job at Southern Academy in Greensboro, which hired him seven days before the season opener, which he won, 6-0.

He moved to Walker High in Jasper in 1972 for a three-year stay and then to Vestavia Hills in Birmingham for two years. While there, he became better acquainted with Barfield, who had become Auburn's head coach in 1976 and who recruited the Birmingham area. A year later, Barfield had an opening on

his staff and hired Blakeney as an assistant offensive line coach. But Barfield struggled during his five years at Auburn, as the Tigers posted a 29-25-1 record and were hit with NCAA probation in April, 1979. "It was tough, really tough," Blakeney said. "At times, we were so close to being pretty good. It was frustrating, as it would be anywhere. This job is not worth it if you don't win. You work too hard and the kids work too hard. I don't know what it'd be like if a program didn't win at all. There's pressure to win in big-time college football. The thing you've got to understand is that you've got a job to do, a job that's measured by wins. Sometimes it's not only wins, but wins against the right people."

Barfield was a victim of circumstance, Blakeney said. "The probation probably went back five years. And he never really had power to run the program," he said. "It leaked out a year early that Jordan would retire and that Barfield would be the new coach. The alumni were split between him and Paul Davis (then the defensive coordinator and now the special teams and kicking coach)."

Following five years of poor records under Barfield, Pat Dye arrived in 1981 with a new staff and a new approach. After a 5-6 record in his first season, Dye's Tigers went 9-3 in 1982 and beat Alabama for the first time in a decade. Blakeney, the receivers' coach, and recruiting coordinator Frank Young are the only Barfield holdovers. With four wins over Alabama in seven years, two SEC championships and six straight bowl appearances, Dye's success is a sharp contrast to his predecessor's. And it's nice to see hard work pay off in the win-loss column, Blakeney added. "I feel lucky," he said. "This is the most enjoyment I've had. We're winning eight or nine games a year. We've been successful. It's too much time to work, too much agony if you can't win."

Dye's commitment to the passing game in 1986 has been instrumental in keeping the program on top, Blakeney said. "When you get in an offense like this, you can recruit every kind of athlete," he said. "The receivers know we throw the ball. The running backs know we'll be able to run the ball because we throw enough that the defense can't stack up against the run. The linemen know we'll teach them how to pass block. The quarterbacks want to throw more, and we're better able to recruit them." Since the creation of the new offense, the Associated Press named running back Brent Fullwood and center Ben Tamburello All-Americans in 1986, and picked tackle Stacy Searels in 1987. Quarterback Jeff Burger, wide receiver Lawyer Tillman, and tight end Walter Reeves earned All-SEC honors last season.

The Tigers' current offensive cast is led by quarterback Reggie Slack and a wealth of receivers, including Tillman, Alexander Wright, Freddy Weygand, Greg Taylor, and Shayne Wasden. "I don't think Auburn has ever had this

much talent," Blakeney said. "Talent-wise and from a work standpoint, these are good kids who try to do what they can for the program. At wide receiver, we've got five we know can play."

The offensive playcalling is an intricate and sometimes confusing system, which involves Dye and all the offensive coaches. "We all try to work together," Blakeney said. "There's no offensive coordinator; nobody has that title. Everybody puts his particular standpoint and needs behind and works for the team as a whole. We all work very hard during the week to plan. I call the plays on Saturday (from the press box). Things can be confusing. You try to keep as calm as possible. It's hectic. If anyone has a suggestion, they have to save it for in between snaps or when we don't have the ball. A lot of it is pre-planning. Since Coach Dye has been involved in the offense, it's made him an even better coach."

Tucked away in the press box, Blakeney doesn't stand out like quarterback coach Pat Sullivan, who mans the sidelines clad in an orange jacket. He didn't earn the playing honors of Sullivan, a two-time All-American and the 1971 Heisman Trophy winner. But does Blakeney feel overshadowed by his co-worker? "I don't feel that, but I think a lot of people feel that for me," he said. "But Pat and I go way back, further than 1986 (when Sullivan was hired). I know what kind of person he is, and he knows what kind of person I am. The goal we have is a common goal. We're not tangled up in petty jealousies. I've always been one of his fans. Winning the Heisman was great for the school. But winning the Heisman doesn't make you a good coach. He's worked hard to be a good coach."

Although he's happy where he is, Blakeney admitted he has head coaching aspirations. "I'd like the opportunity," he said. "I want to go to a place where I can win and be a first-class coach. Those opportunities don't come every day. I think that if one materializes, I'd like that opportunity. In the meantime, I'll just try to continue to do the job here. That's the best way to get a head coaching job—win at Auburn." If that's the case, a spot for Blakeney may be just around the corner.

Tigers Push Record To 6-1, Prepare to Turn Amen Corner

Approaching the part of the schedule which Head Coach Pat Dye likes to term "Amen Corner," the Auburn football team at press time had wracked up a 6-1 record overall, 3-1 in the SEC. The Tigers ran their streak of meeting and beating winless opponents to four by downing the University of North Carolina 47-21 Oct. 1, then lost their perfect record and No. 4 ranking the next week, falling to LSU 7-6 at Baton Rouge. Bouncing back, Auburn returned home and blanked former Notre Dame coach Gerry Faust and his Akron Zips 42-0 Oct. 15. Auburn then shut out SEC foe Mississippi State 33-0 the following week, as the Tigers prepared for the stretch run in the SEC. At press time,

Auburn was ranked ninth by the Associated Press and was in a four-way tie for second place at 3-1, one-half game behind league-leading Georgia.

Auburn used a balanced offensive attack and two reverse touchdown runs to drop the Tarheels to 0-4, finishing with 256 rushing yards and 255 yards passing. Win Lyle's 21-yard field goal and Alexander Wright's 13-yard reverse run put the Tigers up 10-0 after a quarter of play, then freshman Henry Love scored from 11 yards out on the first play of the second quarter, but Win Lyle's extra point failed, leaving the Tigers with a 16-0 advantage. Freddy Weygand scored on a 34-yard reverse four minutes later for a 23-0 halftime lead. Ron Stallworth's fumble recovery on the first play of the third quarter set up Lyle's 23-yard field goal, and Love added a three-yard touchdown for a 33-0 lead. The Tiger reserves finished the afternoon, adding two touchdowns and giving up three for the final 47-21 tally.

The following week, the Auburn defense gave up only one touchdown, but it proved to be enough to give the LSU Bayou Bengals a hard-fought 7-6 win. Trailing 6-0 late in the final quarter, LSU quarterback Tom Hodson, harassed and hurried all game by the Tiger defense, kept his composure and led his team 75 yards in 15 plays for the winning touchdown with 1:41 left. On a fourth-and-10 play, Hodson found running back Eddie Fuller in the back of the end zone for an 11-yard scoring strike to tie the game. David Brown's kick gave LSU the lead and the win. Hodson, who had earlier converted on a fourth-and-nine from the Auburn 20, passed for 74 yards on the drive.

With 1:36 left, the Tigers were still alive, and Reggie Slack passed for nine yards to Greg Taylor before an intentional grounding penalty pushed the Tigers back 18 yards. Slack ran for 13 yards on third down, but overthrew Lawyer Tillman on fourth down to finish Auburn's chances. Despite a stellar effort by the defense, which held LSU in check

all night other than on the final drive, the offense was only able to draw blood in the form of 33- and 41-yard Lyle field goals. Turnovers and key penalties proved the Tigers' undoing, ending several scoring threats during the game.

Returning to the friendly confines of Jordan-Hare Stadium, the Tigers wrote a happier script the following week. Auburn jumped to a 21-0 first-quarter lead against the Zips in a game that was never in doubt. Vincent Harris, Stacy Danley and James Joseph had scoring runs in the opening period, and Danley added another in the second quarter for a 28-0 halftime lead. The Tigers wrapped the game up in the fourth period on a five-yard Matt Vogler-to-Freddy Weygand scoring pass and Alex Strong's two-yard run. Auburn dressed 100 players and played 70, including quarterbacks Slack, Vogler, Frank McIntosh, and Scott Gurosky on the way to an easy 42-0 win.

The defense pitched its second shutout of the season a week later against Mississippi State in a 33-0 win. Free safety Shan Morris sparked Auburn's defense, which forced six first-half turnovers as Morris tied Auburn and SEC records by intercepting three of Bulldog quarterback Tony Shell's passes. Tigers Alvin Mitchell and Anthony Judge also picked off passes by Shell, who fumbled on State's first possession. Auburn couldn't capitalize on the early turnovers, as Lyle missed consecutive 48- and 47-yard field goals after the fumble and Mitchell's interception.

The Tigers finally cashed in on Judge's interception with a four-yard Danley scoring run late in the first period. In the second quarter, Joseph, who rushed for a season-high 126 yards, added a three-yard touchdown run. On the following kickoff, the Tigers caught MSU return man Marcus Bush in the end zone for a safety. Lyle kicked a 32-yard field goal two minutes before halftime for a 19-0 lead, and Alex Strong and Teapot Brown contributed one-yard fourth-quarter touchdowns to finish the Bulldogs, who generated only 164 yards of offense.



PUTTING ON THE HITS—Tracy Rocker (74), Craig Ogletree (94), and Smokey Hodge (56) lower the boom on a Mississippi State running back during the Tigers' 33-0 win over the Bulldogs. The three defenders are a big reason why Auburn's defense leads the nation in fewest points allowed per game.

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Tiger Cagers Hope To Fool Experts In Coming Season

Basketball fans spoiled by Auburn's five straight NCAA Tournament appearances may be in for a rough year if early predictions picking the Tigers to occupy the SEC cellar in the 1988-89 season prove accurate. With all-conference forward Chris Morris and bulky center Jeff Moore departed to the ranks of the National Basketball Association, and interchangeable guards Johnny Lynn and Terrance Howard also lost to graduation, the Tigers figure to be long on youth and short on experience in the coming campaign.

Head Coach Sonny Smith will pin his hopes on several part-time starters from last season, along with junior forward John Caylor, who started at forward opposite Morris. Derrick Dennison, who started 17 games last season and played in all 30, will move from strong guard to point guard, while backup center Matt Geiger, who filled in admirably beneath the basket after Moore suffered a hand injury early in the season, will become the regular starter at center. The other two starters are still undetermined, but despite the uncertainty, Smith feels his team will be better than most prognosticators think.

"I don't honestly know what it takes to establish a winning tradition," he adds, "but I do know that we've had six straight winning seasons and we've been to the NCAAs each of the past five years. I can't help but think that's going to help us this season."

If the Tigers are to find ways to win, Caylor, Geiger, and Dennison will all have to have big years offensively. Last season, the three combined for an average of only 21.9 points and 11.7 rebounds per contest, but were not called upon primarily as scorers. Several incoming freshmen or transfer players will also have to add scoring punch. Forwards Kelvin Ardister, a 6-6, 210-pound junior college transfer and 6-7, 210-pound Zane Arnold, a proposition 48 casualty last season who is now eligible, appear the most likely players to have an immediate impact. True freshmen Ronnie Battle (6-2, 150) and Johnny Benjamin (6-2, 190) at guards, Robert McKie (6-7, 260) at center, and Corey Walker (6-9, 200) at forward were all excellent offensive performers in high school as well.

"We've always been a running team, but I'm not sure we can play that style this season," Smith says. "Our fastbreak begins with rebounding, and I don't know what kind of board team we'll be. I do think we'll have a much better team later on than at the beginning of the year. We're probably going to have some real problems early."

"I really think that our bench strength will be better this year though," Smith adds. "Our problem lies in the quality of our starters rather than our depth on the bench. Based on that quality, a lot of people are picking us to finish last in the league, and I guess you'd almost have to just looking at this team on paper. But I've got to believe we'll find some way to win."

For Your Information

Engineering Seeks Candidates for '89 Honor Awards

The College of Engineering is currently seeking nominations for its annual engineering honors awards, according to Sabert Oglesby, chairman of the awards committee for the Alumni Engineering Council.

The council is seeking help in identifying candidates for four awards, including the Gilmer Award, the Distinguished Engineer Award, the Engineering Achievement Award, and the Engineering Superior Service Award. Eligibility criteria for each award are different. Anyone may make a nomination, and nominations remain active for consideration indefinitely.

Nomination applications for each award are available through the Alumni Engineering Council secretary, Dr. E.O. Jones, at 108 Ramsay Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849-5330. Fall quarter is the best time to submit nominations, as the awards committee meets during winter quarter and confirms honorees during its spring quarter meeting. All awards, with the exception of the Gilmer Award, announced in February, are presented during homecoming ceremonies.

For more information on the College of Engineering's honors awards program, write the address above, or call the office of the dean at (205) 826-4326.

War Eagle Travelers Reunion Set Nov. 12

Planning for upcoming tours, sharing memories of past trips, and spending time with old and new friends will be the chief orders of business during the fourth War Eagle Travelers reunion on Saturday, Nov. 12, the day of the Auburn-Georgia football game.

Six all-new tours for 1989 are scheduled. They include: an East African safari in March, which will take participants to Kenya's game reserves, national parks, and Nairobi; the Pathways of Peter the Great tour in June, a land/sea trip to Moscow and Leningrad; the Italy and the Swiss Alps visit, also in June, visiting Florence, Venice, St. Moritz, and Zurich; the Gota Canal excursion to Sweden and Norway in July, visiting Stockholm, Gothenburg, and Oslo; a Nova Scotia and Maritime Canada trip in August, featuring tours of Yarmouth, Halifax, and Prince Edward Island; and a Mediterranean/Greek Isles cruise in September, dropping anchor on the French Riviera and

in Italy, Greece, and Turkey. More details on all these trips can be found on page 21 in this issue of the *Alumnews*.

For more information about either the War Eagle Travelers Reunion or the War Eagle Travelers Program, write to Pat Brackin, War Eagle Travelers Program, Auburn Alumni Association, 116 Foy Union, Auburn University, AL 36849, or call (205) 826-4234.

Alumni Placement Can Aid Job Search

Looking for a job or interested in changing careers? The Alumni Placement Service may be able to help. The service provides free job counseling, resume and cover-letter critiques, and job search assistance.

In addition, the service keeps alumni resumes on file and will mail copies to prospective employers upon the request of the alumnus. The service also publishes the *Alumni Job Bulletin*, a newsletter listing employment opportunities in engineering and technical fields, agriculture, higher education, business, and other areas, along with job search tips. The *Bulletin* is published biweekly through the regular school year and monthly during the summer. Subscriptions are \$15 annually for Alumni Association members, and \$25 for all others. Visa and Master Cards are accepted, or make checks payable to Alumni Placement Services.

For more information about the Alumni Placement Service and what it can do for you, write Abbe Hockaday, Alumni Placement Specialist, Auburn Alumni Association, 116 Foy Union Building, Auburn University, AL 36849-5150, or call (205) 826-4313.

AU Vanity Tags Now Available Across State

After an initial distribution delay, the new Auburn vanity tags are now available in probate judges' offices across the state. The tags were originally scheduled for distribution to the judges' offices by Sept. 1, but manufacturing problems slowed the process.

Proceeds from the tags, which cost \$50 annually in addition to regular tag taxes and fees, go to the university's General Scholarship Fund to help provide scholarships for deserving students. The tags feature the words "Auburn University" at the top center, with the Samford Hall tower pictured on the left side. The numbers and letters are orange and blue.

"This is a great way for Auburn friends and alumni to show their support of the university while helping provide scholarship funds which Auburn badly needs," said President James E. Martin '54. "If only half of our alumni and supporters in the state of Alabama purchase one or more of these tags for their cars, the benefits to the General Scholarship Fund would be enormous."

Jefferson Club's Beat Bama Bash Set for Nov. 24

The Jefferson County Auburn Club's annual "Beat Bama Party" will be held Thanksgiving night, Nov. 24, in the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Exhibition Hall. This year's party takes place on Thursday night due to the rescheduling of the Auburn-Alabama football game to Friday, Nov. 25, in order to accommodate CBS television.

The party will feature the music of "Raz Ma Taz," a popular area band featuring both golden oldies and recent hits. Doors open at 7 p.m., with the band playing from 8 p.m. until. Refreshments, souvenirs, and food will also be available. Tickets are \$3 each, \$1 for children 12 and under, and may be purchased at the door, with all proceeds going to benefit the Jefferson County Auburn Club's scholarship fund. A drawing will also be held this year to give away a pair of tickets to the Auburn-Alabama game.

AU Development Seeks Specialist For Forestry

The Office of Alumni and Development is currently seeking an associate director of development for the School of Forestry. He or she will report to the Director of Development and work closely with the forestry faculty in seeking support for the School of Forestry.

Minimum requirements are a bachelor's degree, strong writing and speaking skills, and a minimum of three years of progressively responsible management experience, preferably in fundraising or alumni relations, at a university or comparable institution.

To apply, send a letter of application, resume, and three references to Mrs. Pat Brackin, Director of Administration, 116 Foy Union, Auburn University, AL 36849.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

The Auburn Alumni Association
Announces Upcoming Events:

Basketball Scholarship Donors Reception-
January 27, 1989

Football Donors Weekend-
April 14-16, 1989

Reunion '89 - April 27, 28, 29, 1989

A-Day - April 29, 1989

Watch Your Mail for Details

Contact Debbie Duncan (205) 826-4234 if you have any questions.

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